

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 5818-24 Ref: Signature Date

## Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your applications on 9 July 2024. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your applications, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies, as well as the 29 May 2024 Advisory Opinion (AO) provided by Navy Personnel Command (PERS-32). Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, you chose not to do so.

The Board carefully considered your request to remove your concurrent Evaluation Report & Counseling Record (Eval) for the reporting period 16 January 2023 to 20 June 2023. The Board considered your contentions that the Eval was improperly endorsed and not in accordance with BUPERSINT 1610.10F (EVALMAN); specifically, you assert that the Eval was not countersigned by the regular Reporting Senior (RS).

However, the Board substantially concurred with the AO that the Eval is valid as written and should remain on file, in accordance with the applicable Navy Performance Evaluation System (PES) guidance. In this regard, the AO notes, although the Eval is missing the countersignature, the EVALMAN allows acceptance without the regular RS signature and further states that a memorandum will be placed within the Service members official military personnel file (OMPF) acknowledging acceptance of the report without the endorsement. The AO further states that submission of a concurrent report is at the discretionary authority of the concurrent RS to submit a trait graded eval upon detachment. Thus, the Board concluded there is no probable material

error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting corrective action. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

