

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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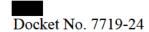
Dear

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 application on 6 February 2025. 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 application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

You requested retroactive advancement to Boatswain's Mate Third Class (BM3)/E-4. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board concluded that in accordance with Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1430.16G, advancement selectees who discharge or release from active duty may request an advancement determination from Navy Personnel Command (PERS-803) upon return to active duty or affiliation with a Navy Reserve drilling unit. Military Personnel Manual Article 1420-060 indicates that frocking is an administrative authorization to assume the title and wear the uniform of a higher paygrade without entitlement to the pay and allowance of that grade. Additionally, frocking does not change the permanent status of a member nor authorize payment of entitlements governed by statute or regulation and is subject to restrictions as outlined in the policy.

A review of your record reflects that you participated in the March 2023 (Cycle 259) Navy Wide Advancement Examination and was selected for advancement to BM3/E/4. However, your effective date of advancement to BM3/E-4 would have been 16 December 2023, which was after your 21 July 2023 discharge. Thereafter, you enlisted in the Navy Reserve for 3-years and was



subsequently advanced to BM3/E-4 effective 1 July 2024. Therefore, the Board determined a change to your record is not warranted.

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.

| Sincerely, | |
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