

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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

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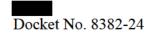
Dear ,

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 30 January 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Commander, Navy Recruiting Command letter 1133 Ser N35 of 12 November 2024, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested to receive the Medical Service Corps (MSC) Accession Bonus (AB). 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 you did not meet the eligibility criteria for the MSC AB in accordance with Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Navy Active Component Medical Service Corps Special Pay Guidance. This guidance outlined the specialties eligible for an AB; Physical Therapist was not listed.

A review of your record indicates that you were awarded a Doctor of Physical Therapy in Physical Therapy from the American International College on 6 May 2022. On 18 May 2022, you signed an Acceptance of Navy Medical Service Corps Active Duty Accession Bonus for Physical Therapy. This letter referenced the FY22 Navy Active Component Medical Service Corps Special Pay Guidance and indicated the selection of the AB would be for \$30,000 (less taxes) with a 4-year obligation. However, you did not sign your MSC-Active Duty (2300) Service Agreement and Oath of Office until 20 July 2023, thereby rendering you barred from receiving the AB. Therefore, in this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the



comments contained in the advisory opinion, and 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.

