

Docket No. 8978-24 Ref: Signature Date

- From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
- To: Secretary of the Navy

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- Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552 (b) COMNAVCRUITCOMINST 1130.8M
- Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments(2) Advisory Opinion by NRC, 13 Nov 24(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his naval record be corrected establish authorization to access in paygrade E-3 under the Advanced Paygrade Program.

2. The Board, consisting of **Constant of Action and Constant of Petitioner's** allegations of error and injustice on 26 November 2024 and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, found that, before applying to this Board, he exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:

a. On 23 June 2004, Petitioner completed 120 semester hours, issued an Electromechanical and Electronics Equipment Technician Diploma and Certificate of Academic Completion from International Electronics & Technical Institute, Inc located in the Philippines.

b. On 14 February 2024, Petitioner enlisted in paygrade E-1 for 8 years of which 4 years is an active duty obligation.

c. On 13 March 2024, Petitioner entered active duty in paygrade E-1.

d. On 12 April 2024, World Education Services generated a Credential Evaluation and Authentication Report indicating Petitioner's Two-Year Diploma in Electromechanical and

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Electronics Equipment Technology from International Electronics & Technical Institute, Inc has the U.S. equivalency to an associate degree.

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## CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of enclosure (2), the Board finds the existence of an error warranting the following corrective action. Per the World Education Services Credential Evaluation and Authentication Report, Petitioner earned an associate's degree from the International Electronics & Technical Institute, Inc prior to enlistment, thereby meeting the criteria to enlist in paygrade E-3 in accordance with reference (b).<sup>1</sup> Although the proper administrative requirements were not completed, the Board determined that under this circumstance, relief is warranted.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner's naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that:

Petitioner's enlistment documents (DD Form 4, Enlistment/Reenlistment Document and DD Form 1966, Record of Military Processing) are amended to reflect enlistment and accession in paygrade E-3 vice E-1. Note: This change will also adjust Petitioner's pay and allowance effective 13 March 2024 (Active Duty Service Date).

A copy of this report of proceedings will be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above titled matter.

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)), and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicants with college-level foreign education who have satisfactorily completed the U.S. equivalent of 48 semester (72 quarter) hours of college may be enlisted in paygrade E-3.