



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 9354-24
Ref: Signature Date

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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 15 April 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 by the Navy Recruiting Command letter 1133 Ser N35 of 26 November 2024, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested to establish entitlement to an Enlistment Bonus for Shipping (EBSHP). 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 criteria for an EBSHP in accordance with Commander, Navy Recruiting message 211603Z August 2023. This messages outlined the ratings/programs eligible for EBSHP and applied to future Sailors initially classified or reclassified on or after 20 August 2023. The message specified active component recruits that enlisted in the Advanced Electronics Field – Advanced Electronics Computer Field (AEF/AECF) program that shipped in August 2023 through December 2023 were eligible for EBSHP.

A review of your records reflects that you enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 22 November 2023 for 8-years of which 4-years was an active duty obligation and you signed NAVCRUIT 1133/52, Enlistment Guarantees – Annex A that only listed Advanced Electronics Field - Advanced Electronics Computer Field (AEF/AECF 6YO) Program with an active duty service date of 24 January 2024, thereby rendering you ineligible for EBSHP.

Although an administrative error occurred when annotating EBSHP eligibility to your DD Form 1966, Record of Military Processing and your Enlisted Bonus Statement of Understanding, the Board noted that at the time of your enlistment EBSHP was not annotated on your Enlistment Guarantee. 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.

Sincerely,

5/3/2025

