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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

> Docket No. 9418-24 Ref: Signature Date

Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

Your application was not filed in a timely manner. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 5 February 2025. After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board determined that it would not be in the interest of justice to excuse your failure to submit your application in a timely manner. Specifically, you failed to provide the Board with a sufficient explanation for your delay in submitting an application within a reasonable time. Moreover, in reaching this conclusion the Board determined that your assertion of not receiving pay for 2-years could not be verified because of the time elapsed from your 17 January 1985 discharge from the Naval Reserve.

The Board did not consider your request for a refund of Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) contributions because this matter falls under the cognizance of the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). In accordance with Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1780.1A, the delimiting date for VEAP benefits is 10 years from date of separation from active duty. After the 10th year, the VEAP account is closed and any personal contributions remaining will be refunded to the member at the address the DVA has on file. Members may request a refund of their VEAP contributions at any time by submitting a VA Form 22-5281 to the DVA. For additional assistance, you may submit an online inquiry at ask.va.gov or call (888)-442-4551.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

2/8/2025