

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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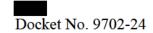
Dear ,

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 14 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.

You requested retroactive advancement to E-4. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, the Board does not have access to the Navy advancement regulations for the period of 1960 through 17 October 1973.

A review of your record reflects that you enlisted in the Navy on 8 March 1968 for 4-years and entered active duty. On 9 November 1968, you were advanced to Seaman (SN)/E-3. You completed the Practical Factors/Performance Tests for GMG3/E-4 on 20 January 1969, followed by completion of Military Requirement Petty Officer 3&2 and GMG 3&2 courses on 21 January 1969. On 21 April 1969, a Medical Board found you unfit for duty and recommended you be referred to a Physical Evaluation Board. On 29 July 1969, the Physical Review Council recommended you be separated from Naval service for physical disability with severance. On 5 August 1969, Chief of Naval Personnel directed your discharge no later than 19 August 1969 by reason of physical disability with severance pay. You discharged on 19 August 1969 due to physical disability and paid disability severance pay. The aforementioned documents related to your discharge all refer to you as SN/E-3.



The Board could not find any evidence in your record to corroborate your claim of advancement to E-4 or the official source document to validate the evidence you provided regarding advancement to E-4. Therefore, the Board determined that 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.

