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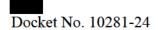
> Docket No. 10281-24 Ref: Signature Date

This is in reference to your application for correction of your spouse's naval record, pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your spouse's 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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 21 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 spouse's naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

You requested that your spouse be advanced to Aviation Boatswain's Mate-Fuels Third Class (ABF3)/E-4). The Board, in its review of your spouse's entire record and your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board does not have access to the Navy advancement regulations for the period of 1960 through 17 October 1973. However, the requirement as detailed in your spouse's service record indicates the following: completion of required practical factors which include performance test, when applicable; be recommended for advancement and nominated to participate in a Navy Wide Advancement Examination (NWAE), pass the NWAE, and meet or exceed the minimum multiple required to be advanced.

A review of your spouse's record reflects that he entered active duty on 21 February 1967 and advanced to Airman (AN)/E-3 effective 15 November 1967. In December 1969, your spouse passed the military leadership examination for paygrade E-4 and was recommended for advancement to ABF3/E-4 on 5 June 1970. On 17 November 1970, your spouse was released from active duty as an AN/E-3 and transferred to the Navy Reserve to complete his military



service obligation. At the time of discharge from active duty, your spouse signed NAVPERS 601-14, Record of Discharge, Release from Active Duty that indicated he had not passed the Navy Wide Examination for E-4. On 18 October 1972, your spouse was honorably discharged from the Navy Reserve as an AN/E-3 upon completing his military service obligation. The Board could not find, nor did you provide sufficient evidence to support your spouse passed the Navy Wide Examination for E-4 or that he was advanced to ABF3/E-4 during his Naval service. Therefore, the Board determined a change to his 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.

