

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

> Docket No. 10442-24 Ref: Signature Date



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 advancement to Fireman (FN)/E-3. 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 your record does not reflect that you met the eligibility requirements for advancement to E-3 in accordance with Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction (BUPERSINST) 1430.16. The criteria included, completing the required practical factors/performance tests (when applicable); meet performance mark average minimum of 3.0; fulfill time in service and time in pay grade requirements; have commanding officer's recommendation; and successfully pass a pay grade E-3 examination or Navy-wide examination for advancement in or change in rate or rating. The Service requirements for advancement from E-2 to E-3 was 8-months in pay grade E-2.

A review of your record indicates that you entered active duty on 28 September 1972 and advanced to FA/E-2 effective 1 May 1973. You completed the ECC for Fireman course on 13 May 1974, and completed the Basic Military Requirement course and the FN practical factors on 14 June 1974. Additionally, on 14 June 1974, issued you a NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks stating you "Passed the E-3 (Fireman) examination for advancement in rating this date. When fully qualified, you may be advanced to

Fireman. AUTH: BUPERSINST 1430.16." Furthermore, issued you an evaluation for the period of 2 March 1974 to 14 June 1974. Although the evaluation indicates that you completed and passed the FN test, it does not reflect your commanding officer's recommendation for advancement. Conversely, the evaluation indicates that you were on light duty due to injury and assisted as much as possible in the log room. On 17 September 1974, your NAVPERS 601-9, Enlisted Performance Record indicates that you had no marks below 3.0 during this enlistment and you were discharged due to physical disability. However, the Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of having your commanding officer's recommendation for advancement to FN/E-3. 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.

