

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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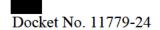
Dear

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 7 May 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 contained in Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps memorandum 1070 MPO of 16 January 2025, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested establish entitlement to Continuation Pay. 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 eligibility criteria to receive Continuation Pay in accordance with Marine Corps Bulletin 1800 dated 15 June 2021 and Marine Corps Administrative (MARADMIN) message 638/22. Specifically, the policies indicate Continuation Pay must be elected prior to completing 12 years of service (YOS) as calculated from the pay entry base date (PEBD). Additionally, the policies specify that notification of eligibility would be sent to eligible Marines 180 days and 30 days before reaching 12 YOS. MARADMIN 638/22 advised that a participant is able to reverse his/her decision to elect Continuation Pay provided this reversal occurs before the participant's 12 YOS.

A review of your record indicates your PEBD is 29 May 2012, and you enrolled in the Blended Retirement System on 15 January 2018. Continuation Pay eligibility notification was posted to your May 2023 leave and earnings statement, and two notifications via Marine Online prior to your declination on 19 June 2023, followed by an additional 11 Marine Online notifications from



16 July 2023 to 12 May 2025, thereby giving you ample opportunity to reverse your decision to decline Continuation Pay before reaching 12 YOS. 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.

