

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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

> Docket No. 645-25 Ref: Signature Date

Dear ,

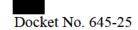
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found 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 5 August 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 Commanding Officer, Navy Pay and Personnel Support Center memorandum 1900 N1 of 25 June 2025, which was previously provided to you for comment.

On 29 October 2018, you enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 8 years with an Expiration of Obligated Service of 28 October 2026. You were released from active duty and transferred to the Navy Reserve with an honorable character of service and were issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 6 December 2018 to 5 December 2023 upon completion of required active service. Furthermore, block 16 (Days accrued leave paid) listed 00.5.

DFAS-IN/Debt and Claims notified you with a billing date of 5 July 2024 that: Previous Balance was \$2,521.39, and Total Balance Due \$2,530.27. Remark(s) "[d]ebt is due to payments received after you entered a no pay status due to separation as of 12/05/2023. These payments are as follows: separation payment of \$3,433.64, dated 12/08/2023."

"Debt is due to leave you took from 11/06/2023 to 12/05/2023 resulting in a negative leave balance of 2.0 day(s) which includes a non-accrual of 0.5 day(s). You are not entitled to pay and allowances during periods of negative leave. If you disagree with the validity or amount of your debt, please contact the Pay Office, DMPO, or AFAFO that placed you in debt and have them provide our office with proper documentation to alter or cancel your debt."



On 24 October 2023, your Reporting Senior signed a Regular and Counseling Record for the period of 16 June 2023 to 5 December 2023. This was a Detachment of Individual/Regular report.

Your Master Military Pay Account (MMPA) shows the following (Base Pay): ENTRY-OPEN-DT 230101 99 01 1 ENTRY-CLSD-DT 231226 01 01 1 CNTRL-CODE 2 ACTN V2 START 230101 STOP 231205 ENTLMT-MM -2,429.00 ENTLMT -2,429.00 ENTLMT-NM 0.00 MNTLY-RATE 2,914.80. Your MMPA shows the following (Base Pay): ENTRY-OPEN-DT 231226 01 01 1 ENTRY-CLSD-DT 231226 01 01 1 CNTRL-CODE 9 ACTN V3 START 231205 STOP 231205 ENTLMT-MM -97.16 ENTLMT -97.16 ENTLMT-NM 0.00 MNTLY-RATE 2,914.80. Your MMPA shows the following (Leave Balance): ENTRY-OPEN-DT 231226 01 01 1 ENTRY-CLSD-DT 231226 01 01 1 ACTN V2 START 231001 STOP 231205 BF-PRIOR-FY 35.0 ERND-FY 5.0 USED-FY 041 BAL-CM -1.0 NOT-ACRD-FY 0.5 LOST-DAYS-CFY 000 XCS-FY 002 LOST 0.0 SETLMNT 4 EFF-DATE-LAST-TRANS 231205. Your MMPA shows the following (Leave Balance): ENTRY-OPEN-DT 231206 09 12 1 ENTRY-CLSD-DT 231226 01 01 1 ACTN 02 DEPART 231106 RTRN 231205 AUTH-NR LC00001 TYPE P ACCT-TYPE 8 DAYS-COUNT 030 AREA 1 ENTRY-OPEN-CLOSD A ACCT-TYPE-CHG-1 231202 ACCT-TYPE-CHG-2 231205.

You requested the removal of a debt in the amount of \$2,548.87, the Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. You assert that, "[a] negative balance of 2 days does not equal the amount of money owed." However, the Board concluded that your debt is the result of two days of excess leave in addition to an overpayment of basic pay that resulted from the late posting of your separation. In accordance with your MMPA, basic pay was stopped on 26 December 2023 effective 5 December 2023. As a result, you received a payment of \$3,433.64 plus \$104.87 (FITW, FICA SOC SEC, FICA Medicare, SGLI, AFRH) after being released from active duty. Your total deductions were \$3,538.51 minus your total entitlements of \$1,017.12, equaled an overpayment of -\$2,521.39. The Board determined that you are not entitled to pay after being released from active duty, that the debt and the debt amount is valid, and that there is no error or injustice to warrant a change to your record. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion.

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.

