



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

701 S. COURTHOUSE RD

ARLINGTON, VA 22204

[REDACTED] Docket No. 1404-25

Ref: Signature Date

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Dear [REDACTED],

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 28 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 by the Navy Recruiting Command 1133 Ser N35 of 26 March 2025, which was previously provided to you for comment.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You requested to establish entitlement to an Enlistment Bonus for College Credit (EBCC). 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 criteria for an EBCC in accordance with Commander Navy Recruiting Command (COMNAVCRUITCOM) message 100015Z November 2020 and COMNAVCRUITCOM message 231600Z December 2020. These messages outlined the rating/programs eligible for EBCC and applied to future Sailors initially classified or reclassified on or after 1 November 2020 and 23 December 2020 respectively. However, at the time of your 30 November 2020 enlistment, and your 19 February 2021 reclassification, EBCC was not authorized for any rating or program.

A review of your records reflects that you enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 30 November 2020 for 8 years of which 4 years was an active duty obligation and you signed NAVCRUIT 1133/52, Enlistment Guarantees – Annex “A” that listed Culinary Specialist (CS/5YO) Class “A” School Guarantee (T+X), requiring a voluntary extension for 12 months. On 19 February 2021, you were erroneously issued another DD Form 4, Enlistment/Reenlistment Document, however the Personalized Recruiting for Immediate and Delayed Enlistment Modernization II Manage Applicant indicates you were reclassified to the Seaman Professional Apprenticeship Career Track program on this date; an Enlistment Guarantee was not issued at this time. On 8 March 2021, you signed NAVCRUIT 1133/53, Professional Apprenticeship Career Track (PACT) Program Enlistment Guarantees - Annex “B” that listed Surface/Seaman Professional Apprenticeship Career Track (PACT) Program Guarantee, and you entered active duty in paygrade E-3.

The Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of being guaranteed entitlement to the EBCC. On the contrary, the Board determined you entered active duty as an E-3 indicating your accession under the Advanced Paygrade program for college credits earned. 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.

Sincerely,

11/18/2025

