



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No. 1588-25  
Ref: Signature Date

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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 21 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 Commander, Navy Recruiting Command memorandum 1133 Ser N35 of 27 March 2025, which was provided to you for response.

You requested to establish entitlement to Enlistment Bonus for Shipping (EBSHP). 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 EBSHP in accordance with Commander, Navy Recruiting (COMNAVCRUITCOM) message 0114042Z December 2023 or COMNAVCRUITCOM message 192144Z April 2024. COMNAVCRUITCOM message 0114042Z December 2023 outlined the ratings/programs eligible for EBSHP and applied to future Sailors (FS) initially classified or reclassified on or after 3 December 2023. This message specified Active Component recruits that enlisted in the Master-At-Arms (MA/SG) program that shipped in November 2023 through February 2024 were eligible for EBSHP. COMNAVCRUITCOM message 192144Z April 2024 applied to FS initially classified or reclassified on or after 21 April 2024. The MA/SG program was eligible for EBSHP for those FS that shipped in April 2024 through September 2024. The message also specified, Active Component recruits with shipping date changes due to the needs of the Navy who shipped April through September 2024 were also eligible.

A review of your record reflects that you enlisted in the Navy on 21 March 2024 for 8 years of which 4 years is considered an active duty obligation. You signed NAVCRUIT 1133/52, Enlistment Guarantees – Annex “A” that only listed Master-At-Arms (MA/SG) Class “A” School Guarantee. Your initial shipping date was 20 May 2024, rendering you ineligible for EBSHP at the time of your enlistment per COMNAVCRUITCOM message 0114042Z December 2023. On or about 26 April 2024, you requested to change your ship date to a date after June 2024 to finish a semester at La Sierra University. You entered active duty on 27 June 2024 and erroneously issued NAVCRUIT 1133/102, Enlisted Bonus Statement of Understanding outlining eligibility for EBSHP.

The Board noted that although your shipping date fell within the prescribed period for EBSHP eligibility, your shipping date was changed to 27 June 2024 due to your personal needs not for the needs of the Navy. 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,

9/18/2025

