



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 2715-25
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 4 December 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 Reserve Forces Command memorandum 5420 Ser N1/306 of 15 May 2025, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested to establish entitlement to a \$20,000 Prior Service Affiliation Bonus. 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 for a Prior Service Affiliation Bonus in accordance with Military Personnel Manual Article 1133-061. Specifically, the policy indicates the Prior Service Re-enlistment Eligibility-Reserve Program is a Reserve accession program that allows Navy veterans and other service veterans to affiliate and enlist with the Selected Reserve (SELRES) into available ratings as set forth by Naval Education and Training Command fiscal year recruiting goals, policies, training guidance, and revisions (as applicable). All Service members must obligate in the SELRES (drill pay status) for a minimum of 4 years from date of enlistment or affiliation. However, PRISE-R Sailors may be eligible to receive an enlistment bonus if enlisting for a period of 6 years in an eligible rating published by Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command.

A review of your record indicates that you enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 3 October 2013 for 8 years and entered active duty on 29 January 2014. On 6 November 2023, you signed "Statement

of Understanding and Election of SELRES Bonus (Prior Service Enlistment Bonus/Prior Service Affiliation Bonus)” NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks (Page 13) that outlined eligibility for a 3-year, \$20,000 Prior Service Affiliation Bonus. By signing this Page 13, you acknowledged, “I fully understand that this Statement of Understanding and Election of SELRES Bonus is NOT a legal binding document, but merely a Bonus Quota Reservation and that upon my check-in with my drilling site (Navy Reserve Center) I must sign the bonus contract (NAVRES [Navy Reserve] Incentive Agreement which is a legal binding document.” On 2 December 2023, you were discharged from active duty as a Retail Specialist Third Class (RS3)/E-4 with 9 years, 10 months, and 4 days of active duty service. On 3 December 2023, you reenlisted in the Navy Reserve for 3 years and you were gained to SELRES unit under the PRISE-R program as an Equipment Operator Third Class (EO3)/E-4. On 6 March 2025, you were notified your Prior Service Affiliation Bonus request was denied due to not meeting the 6-year contract term as a PRISE-R Sailor.

The Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of you executing a 6-year reenlistment at the time of affiliation to be eligible for the Prior Service Affiliation Bonus. Therefore, in this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion and agreed 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.

Sincerely,

12/30/2025

