



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE RD
ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 4117-25
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner:

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 14 January 2026. 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.

The Board carefully considered your request to be advanced to the rank of E7, Chief Petty Officer, along with your contentions that the appropriate steps were not taken to withdraw your advancement, and specifically that you were not issued a "Significant Problems" enlisted evaluation prior to withdrawal of your recommendation for advancement.

After careful review, the Board found you did not demonstrate probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting the relief you request. Although you correctly state that a "Significant Problems" enlisted evaluation must be issued before withdrawal of a member's recommendation for advancement, you misidentify the mechanism that resulted in your failure to advance. Rather than your commanding officer (CO) withdrawing his recommendation for your advancement, which would have required a "Significant Problems" enlisted evaluation, your name was removed from the advancement list following the selection board by the Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP). This action, by CNP was part of a regular post-board review process where CNP, unbound by the administrative rules governing pre-board advancement recommendations, has the sole authority and discretion to remove a member's name from the advancement list. In short, CNP has had the authority to take this action regardless of whether your CO had withdrawn his recommendation. The lack of a "Significant

Problems” enlisted evaluation has no bearing on CNP’s authority. As such, the Board found your application did not meet the burden of proof or show by preponderance of the evidence probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice, and concluded your request should be denied.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

1/20/2026

