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

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Docket No. 6647-25
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 2 April 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 determined your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You requested that your sea duty incentive pay (SDIP)-Extension (SDIP-E) for a period of 36 months be approved to show you were in tax exclusion zone. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. You assert that you submitted your request in a timely manner while in a tax exclusion zone, and that the approval was not submitted to the command in the normal timeframe, causing your SDIP-E to be taxed. However, the Board concluded that in accordance with Policy Decision Memorandum 002-21, for SDIP-E, individuals may not receive SDIP for any months prior to completing their prescribed sea tour or their current projected rotation date, whichever occurs later. Your projected rotation date was March 2023, so you were not eligible to receive payment until April 2023. You left the combat zone tax exclusion area on 31 January 2023, before you were eligible to receive any SDIP payment. Therefore, the Board determined that a change to your record is not warranted.

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,

4/7/2026

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