



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7326-25
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 February 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Chief of Naval Personnel memorandum 7220 Ser N130/25U0451 of 24 July 2025, which was provided to you for comment.

You requested your record be corrected to reflect that you received retroactive Sea Duty Incentive Pay (SDIP) for the period of involuntary extension; the Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. In accordance with Policy Decision Memorandum 001-21: "Qualified Sailors voluntarily extend onboard their current command when assigned to a ship, submarine, aviation squadron, or battalion designated as Type 2/4 sea duty for rotational purposes, by a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 48 months beyond their PST...Once selected and posted to a billet, the Sailor is no longer eligible for SDIP... SDIP requests will originate at the Sailor's current command, prior to being selected or posted to a billet for follow-on orders or a separate extension becoming effective. SDIP-Extension (SDIP-E) requests must be received by the detailee 14 to 16 months prior to PST completion date/ projected rotation date (PRD), whichever occurs later." You assert that you would have voluntarily extended under SDIP had you been given the opportunity. The Board concluded that your PRD was September 2023 and found no evidence that you submitted a request for SDIP-E in the specified timeframe, or at any time prior to the issuance of BUPERS Order: 3203 on 16 November 2023. Therefore, the Board found you

showed no intent to remain at sea voluntarily. Furthermore, although you remained in a sea duty billet beyond your PRD, you were extended for 7 months, not the minimum of 12 months. Finally, once you were selected and posted to a billet, you became ineligible for SDIP. Therefore, the Board determined that you are not eligible for retroactive SDIP and a change to your record is not warranted. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion.

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,

2/26/2026

