



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No. 7525-25

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 19 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 Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command (CNRFC) memorandum 5420 Ser N1/555 of 26 August 2025, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested an exception to the 6-year enlistment requirement to an 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 dated 13 January 2020. Specifically, the policy indicates the Prior Service Reenlistment Eligibility-Reserve (PRISE-R) program is a Reserve accession program that allows Navy veterans and other service veterans to enlist and affiliate 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). Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS), Reserve Enlisted Community Management Branch (BUPERS-352) administers PRISE-R availability based on community and rating health. Generally, 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 affiliation bonus if enlisting for a period of 6 years in an eligible rating published by CNRFC. Additionally, Sailors guaranteed "A" and or "C" school must report to the required school within 18 months from the date of affiliation.

Commander, Navy Recruiting Command Instruction 1130.8M specified, “[p]ersonnel who have served in the USN [U.S. Navy]/USNR [U.S. Navy Reserve] or other branches of service whose MOS [Military Occupational Specialty], AFSC [Air Force Specialty Code], or NEC [Navy Enlisted Classification] directly converts to a Navy rating are not eligible for enlistment under the provisions of the DPEP [Direct Procurement Enlistment Program] in the same rating unless they have been discharged for more than two years.”

The FY 2024 SELRES Enlisted Recruiting and Retention Incentives Program guidance outlined the ratings/programs eligible for a SELRES bonus. The guidance stipulated that CNRFC (N1) is the final adjudication authority for bonus program execution, to include eligibility, termination and repayment. Furthermore, Sailors affiliating under a rating conversion program must complete requirements to make temporary rate permanent prior to receiving initial or anniversary bonus payments.

A review of your record shows you served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 7 May 2013 to 8 January 2024. Thereafter, you enlisted in the Navy Reserve on 19 January 2024 for 3 years with a permanent rating of Seaman (SN) and Temporary Rate of Information Systems Technician (IT) Third Class. On 10 February 2024, 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 6-year, \$20,000 Prior Service Affiliation Bonus in the IT rating. 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.” Moreover, you did not make the IT rating permanent before being converted to the Operations Specialist rating.

The Board could not find evidence of you executing a 6-year enlistment to garner eligibility for a Prior Service Affiliation Bonus, nor did you indicate interest in modifying the term of your enlistment to meet the eligibility criteria. Therefore, in this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinions and determined 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,

3/16/2026

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