



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

Docket No. 8120-25
Ref: Signature Date

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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps memorandum 5420 MMEA of 5 September 2025 and your response to the advisory opinion.

The Board has reviewed your request to adjust your reenlistment term of 3 August 2019 to 48 months and to receive a Zone B Selective Retention Bonus in 2022. In its review of your record and application, the Board carefully weighed all mitigating factors, including your assertion that a 48-month contract with a later extension would have been more appropriate. You stated, the imposition of the 60-month reenlistment contract was predicated on the erroneous belief that the full duration was necessary to fulfill post-graduation obligated service. However, the Board found that the 60-month reenlistment was necessary to provide the required service obligation for your lateral move to Primary Military Occupational Specialty 2336. A 48-month term would have been insufficient for this move. Although your Reenlistment Extension Lateral Move (RELM) paperwork initially shows a recommendation for 72 months, it was ultimately approved for 60 months. Furthermore, since your graduation date was unknown at the time, the 60-month term was a reasonable measure to ensure your service obligation would be met. It is standard practice for the Marine Corps to secure the full required service obligation before approving a lateral move. Therefore, the Board concluded there was no error or injustice that would warrant a change to your record and concurred with the findings 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,

4/8/2026

