



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 9324-25
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 14 May 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 Office of the Chief of Naval Operations memorandum 7220 Ser/N130/25U0559 of 8 September 2025, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested Sea Duty Incentive Pay (SDIP)-Back-To-Back (SDIP-B) for a period of 36 months. 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 meet all requirements for SDIP, due to your Command Career Counselor not informing you of your eligibility you lost the opportunity to apply; however, SDIP is an incentive not an entitlement and you must follow the application process to receive it. In accordance with Policy Decision Memorandum 002-21, SDIP-B requests must be received by the detailee 14 to 16 months prior to prescribed sea tour completion date/projected rotation date, whichever occurs later. Your projected rotation date was October 2025. You should have submitted your request to your detailee between June and August 2024. Furthermore, you were issued follow on orders on 2 June 2025 then you submitted your request for SDIP. In accordance with Policy Decision Memorandum 002-21, Once selected and posted to a billet, the Sailor is no longer eligible for SDIP. Therefore, the Board determined that a change to your record is not warranted. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned 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,

5/22/2026

