



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

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Docket No. 9438-25
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner,

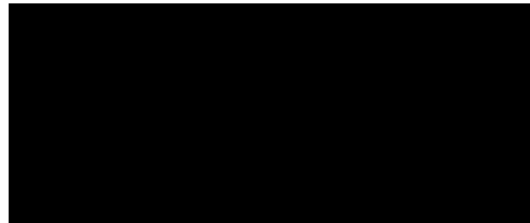
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found 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.

You requested to correct your rank to Boatswain's Mate Seaman (BMSN), paygrade E-3, on your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). 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 your promotion to the rank of BMSN was in the Reserves, and was effective after your 28 April 1971 release from active duty. Therefore, correction to your active duty DD Form 214 is not warranted.¹

Sincerely,

3/5/2026



¹ DD Form 214 is, as indicated by its name, a record of release or discharge from active duty service, and is issued at the time of separation from active duty. It does not capture Reserve service.