



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

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Docket No. 9809-25
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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 13 February 2026. The names and votes of the panel members 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 the 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. The Board also considered an advisory opinion (AO) furnished by the Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312).

The following is the relevant factual background of your case based upon review of your naval record and/or the matters provided with your application:

1. You commissioned in the U.S. Navy Reserves (USNR) and began a period of active duty on 1 March 1982.
2. You were assigned to the █ from 30 March 1983 until you were released from active duty on 28 July 1986, at which time you were issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).
3. You remained in the USNR until the Secretary of the Navy accepted your resignation on 21 September 1994.

After careful review, the Board reached the following conclusions and denied your application for relief.

As part of the Board's review, the Board considered the AO provided by PERS-312. The AO stated in pertinent part:

A complete review of Subject Named Officer's (SNO) OMPF, corporate data, and the document provided was conducted.

The review revealed SNO was released from active duty on 28 Jul 1986 and advanced to LT effective 01 Aug 1986 while affiliated with the USNR.

After a detailed review of your record, the Board determined that your record does not provide the necessary evidence to support your request for your rank to be adjusted from LTJG/O-2 to LT/O-3 on your DD Form 214 for the period ending on 28 July 1986. While the Board considered your contention that you were promoted in a ceremony onboard USS Koelsch prior to your detachment from the command and release from active duty, the Board noted that frocking officers that have been selected for the next pay grade is a common naval tradition and it is possible that your command may have held a frocking ceremony while you were aboard the USS Koelsch. However, the Board found that a promotion to the next pay grade is not official until the Effective Date of Pay Grade¹. Based on the PERS-312 review of your record, your promotion to LT/O-3 did not occur until 1 August 1986. This date was after your release from active duty, which precipitated the issuance of the DD Form 214 you are seeking to change. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board appreciates your faithful and Honorable service to this country. Nothing in the foregoing is intended to diminish the value of your military service.

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,

3/12/2026

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¹ The Board acknowledged that █ may have conducted a promotion ceremony onboard prior to your detachment from the command since your official promotion date was so close to your detaching date. However, even if that ceremony was characterized as a promotion ceremony, your official record documents your promotion to LT/O-3 did not occur until 1 August 1986.