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SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your FOIA reques[redacted] You seek Navy Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) information pertaining to Gene Christopher Slusser. Your FOIA request number i[redacted]nd your FOIA correspondence file number i[redacted] We appreciate your patience, as the processing time required for this request was longer than usual.

Based on the identifying information you provided for Gene Christopher Slusser, OMPF information was found; however, the records you seek are in the custody of the National Archives' National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). Mr. Slusser's record is filed under registration numbe[redacted] For information on how to request military service records from NPRC, please visit http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/.

In this instance, the fees associated with processing this request were below the minimum threshold and have not been addressed. Please be advised, however, that fees, fee categories, and fee waivers are determined on a case-by-case basis, and a previous determination has no influence over future determinations.

Under 32 CFR §701.12(a), you have the right to appeal our determination. Appeals must be received (i.e., post-marked if by mail, sent if by email, submitted if through the Internet) within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Please provide the appeal authority (see below) the following in an envelope marked "FOIA appeal":

- a letter requesting an appeal that explains what you are appealing with any supporting arguments or reasons you think may be worthy of consideration;
- a copy of your initial request;
- and, a copy of the letter of denial.

If you decide to appeal, then please provide a copy of your appeal letter to us either via email to bupers-00j@navy.mil; or via mail at Bureau of Naval Personnel, Attn: FOIA, PERS Code 00J6, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055.

The two main ways to file an appeal are by mail or through the Internet.

1. By mail. For issues related to the military, mail your appeal to The Judge Advocate General (Code 14). For all non-military related matters, mail your appeal to the Office of General Counsel (OGC). The appropriate addresses have been provided below.

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14)
1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000
Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5066

General Counsel of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

2. Through the Internet. Use the public portal of SecureRelease (the Department of the Navy's FOIA processing system). Go to https://www.securerelease.us. Click "Login/Create Account" (in top-right corner) and enter information in the boxes that appear to create an account. Once that is done, you will be able to file an appeal for any request created through the SecureRelease portal by clicking the Create Appeal button in the top-right corner of the Request page.

To appeal a request that was not submitted through the SecureRelease portal, create a SecureRelease portal account, then use the Create Request button on the SecureRelease portal homepage to create a FOIA request. In the Request Description field for that FOIA request, indicate that this is an appeal and make reference to the tracking number you have received for the request you wish to appeal.

If you have any questions, please contact me at erin.j.ramil.civ@us.navy.mil or (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka.civ@us.navy.mil, (703) 697-0031. In addition, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) provides a voluntary mediation process for resolving disputes between persons making FOIA requests and the Department of the Navy (DON). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email address: ogis@nara.gov; telephone: (202) 741-5770; toll free number: 1-877-684-6448; and facsimile: (202) 741-5769. For more information, go to https://www.archives.gov/ogis/mediation-program.

Sincerely,

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