



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

CRS  
Docket No: 6369-01  
13 February 2002



Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 13 February 2002. 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, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by the Awards Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps dated 4 December 2001, a copy of which is attached.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF  
NAVAL RECORDS (BCNR)

Subj: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION(S) IN THE CASE OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FORMER MARINE

1. Mr. [REDACTED] is entitled to the following awards for his service  
in the U.S. Marine Corps:

Combat Action Ribbon for service in Vietnam

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars

Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation  
(Gallantry Cross Color with palm)

Rifle Sharpshooter Badge

2. During the period he served in the Marine Corps, regulations required 3 years of continuous active duty to be eligible for the Good Conduct Medal. The records show that he served on active duty from February 17, 1969, to November 9, 1970, since this period is less than 3 years, he would not be entitled to the Good Conduct Medal.

3. He is not entitled to the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. To be entitled to this award an individual must serve 6 months in Vietnam. The record book shows he served in Vietnam from August 19 to November 27, 1969, which is less than the required 6 months.

4. The Fleet Marine Force Ribbon and Insignia are authorized to Navy personnel who serve with Marine Corps units. Since he was not a member of the U.S. Navy, he is not entitled to either of these awards.

5. A point of contact at MMA is M [REDACTED] @. 784-9210.

[REDACTED]

**CORRECTION TO DD FORM 214,  
CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY**

<b>1. NAME (Last, First, Middle)</b> [REDACTED]		<b>2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH</b> United States Marine Corps		<b>3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b> (Also, Service Number if applicable) [REDACTED]	
<b>4. MAILING ADDRESS (Include ZIP Code)</b> [REDACTED]				[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>5. ORIGINAL DD FORM 214 IS CORRECTED AS INDICATED BELOW:</b>					
<b>ITEM NO.</b>		<b>CORRECTED TO READ</b>			
		SEPARATION DATE ON DD FORM 214 BEING CORRECTED: 09 Nov 70 Serial#: [REDACTED]			
24		SVC# [REDACTED] Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/two bronze stars, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color w/palm), Rifle Sharpshooter Badge			
31		[REDACTED]			
<b>6. DATE</b> (YYYYMMDD) 20020124		<b>7. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN</b>			
		<b>a. TYPED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)</b> [REDACTED]	<b>b. GRADE</b> GS-09	<b>c. TITLE</b> MilPersTech, MMSB-12, HQMC	<b>d. SIGNATURE</b> [REDACTED]

DD FORM 215, FEB 2000

PREVIOUS EDITION IS OBSOLETE.

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