



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

BJG  
Docket No: 7547-02  
4 December 2002

MSC [REDACTED] USMC RET  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Dear Master Sergeant [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the 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 4 December 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 undated advisory opinion with enclosure furnished by Headquarters Marine Corps, a copy of which is attached. They also considered your rebuttal letter dated 10 November 2002 with enclosures.

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. The second paragraph of the enclosure to the advisory opinion indicates there is no law requiring selection boards to give reasons for their determinations. In view of the above, 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.

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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

Copy to:  
The Honorable Tim Hutchinson



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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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MMPR

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF  
NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: BCNR APPLICATION IN THE CASE OF MASTER SERGEANT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] USMC

Ref: (a) MMER Route Sheet of 3 Oct 02

Encl: (1) Military Personnel Procurement Branch reply to MSgt  
[REDACTED] ltr dated 14 Jul 60

1. Reference (a) requested an advisory opinion in the case of Master Sergeant [REDACTED]. Master Sergeant [REDACTED] is requesting information as to why he never reached his goal of becoming an officer in the Marine Corps.

2. The following facts are germane to this case:

- a. Master Sergeant [REDACTED] applied for warrant officer, temporary second lieutenant, and Limited Duty Officer (LDO) programs on several occasions. However, Promotion Branch (MMPR-1) has no record of Master Sergeant [REDACTED] receiving an appointment to warrant officer, temporary second lieutenant or LDO.
- b. Enclosure (1) provides additional information why Master Sergeant [REDACTED] never reached his goal of becoming an officer in the Marine Corps.

3. The point of contact in this matter is Capt [REDACTED]  
Singleton [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Head, Officer Promotion Section

AC.  
DPE-pjh  
14 July 1960

Master Sergeant Sara [REDACTED]

Dear Master Sergeant [REDACTED]

Your letter of 23 June 1960 to General Shoup was referred to this office for reply. You requested information as to why you never reached your goal of becoming an officer in the Marine Corps.

Your official record indicates that in 1950 and 1951 you applied for appointment as a limited duty officer. In 1952 you applied for appointment as a temporary second lieutenant. You applied for appointment as a warrant officer in 1952, 1955 and 1956. Except for the 1952 warrant officer program when you failed to achieve a satisfactory score on the Warrant Officer Screening Test, your applications were considered by selection boards; however, you were not selected. Selection boards are not required by law to give reasons for selection or non-selection. Therefore, it is not possible to provide you with reasons for your non-selection.

It should be realized that for the programs for which you made application, competition is very keen due to the large number of applicants for the relatively few vacancies. The Marine Corps' annual need for new warrant officers or limited duty officers is relatively small. Annually, many Marines apply or are recommended for these vacancies. As an illustration, in 1955 for the warrant officer program for which you applied, 4,393 enlisted Marines made application of which 75 were selected. In the 1956 warrant officer program for which you also made application, 90 Marines were selected from the 4,164 who applied.

It is trusted that this reply answers your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Major, U. S. Marine Corps  
Head, Regular Officer Candidate Section  
Military Personnel Procurement Branch  
By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps