



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No. 3526-21
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear █:

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 26 October 2021. 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps memorandum 1400/3 MMPR-2 of 13 July 2021; a copy of which was previously provided to you for comment.

On 27 April 1966, you enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. On 31 May 1966, you entered active duty. On 15 March 1972, you reenlisted for 6 years. On 2 July 1974, you were meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant. On 15 December 1977, Commandant of the Marine Corps published selections for Gunnery Sergeant by the 1977 Gunnery Sergeant Selection Board. Furthermore, appointments would be issued in the assigned order of seniority to fill vacancies in the grade for which selected. Your number was 1414. This Bulletin had self-cancellation of 31 December 1978. On 14 March 1978, you were honorably discharged.

You requested the your DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active duty) block 6a and 6b reflect Gunnery Sergeant/E-7; the Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, the Board concluded that although you were eligible for the 1977 Gunnery Sergeant Selection Board, Manpower Management, Enlisted Promotions Section, (MMPR-2) is unable to verify your selection due to the lack of documentation from National Archives. The Board considered the bulletin you provided listing you as being selected for promotion to Gunnery Sergeant and concluded that there is no information provided to determine the promotion date for

your lineal number of 1414. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion.

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,

11/22/2021

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Deputy Director
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