



Marine officer and you required treatment to your corrected cleft palate. Unfortunately, the Board disagreed with your rationale for relief.

In reviewing the evidence in your case, the Board found no basis to grant you service credit to qualify you for military retirement. The Board concluded that the preponderance of the evidence documents that you requested to be released from your active duty obligation based on your perceptions of a speech impediment and were deemed unsuitable by an Aptitude Board prior to your discharge from the Marine Corps based on your lack of potential for continued service. The Board found no evidence to support your allegations of discrimination by the Marine Corps. In making their findings, the Board considered your post-discharge letter to the Discharge Review Board in which you admit to requesting a discharge despite efforts by the Marine Corps to treat your concerns of an existing speech impediment. The Board determined this was conclusive evidence that it was your desire to be discharged from the Marine Corps despite the Marine Corps' efforts to retain you on active duty. As a result, the Board concluded there was no evidence of discrimination in the decision to administratively separate you from the Marine Corps and narrative reason for separation remains supported by your record. Accordingly, the Board found insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant a change to your record.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

10/17/2021

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Deputy Director

Signed by:

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