



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001  
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No. 4690-21  
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 14 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.

On 26 October 1967, you entered active duty for 2 years. On 25 April 1968, you arrived to █. On 29 July 1969, you were honorably discharged pending reenlistment, and were issued an Armed Force of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214). On 30 July 1969, you reenlisted for 4 years. On 7 October 1969, you embarked on Board the █ and arrived to █ on 27 October 1969. On 3 December 1970, you were subject to a Non-Judicial Punishment for violation of Article 86 (Absence without leave) for the period of 9 November 1970 to 27 November 1970 (18 days). On 12 April 1972, you arrived to █. On 21 June 1972, you embarked on board Government Air and arrived to █. On 10 July 1973, you were honorably released from active duty, and were issued a DD Form 214 listing over 5 years of active service, including 18 days of lost time. On 12 November 1973, your remaining reserve service obligation ended.

You requested service credit and the Purple Heart. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, after a review of your Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), the Board concluded that you have a DD Form 214 for each period of active duty served, and all of your active duty service is properly accounted for in your OMPF. Time spent absent without official leave is not

included in your total active service. Regarding your request to be awarded the Purple Heart, there is no evidence in your record to show that one was awarded to you. The Board recommended that you submit a request to Headquarters Marine Corps, Manpower Management Division, Military Awards Branch (MMMA), 2008 Elliot Road, Quantico, VA 22134-5103 or phone number 703-784-9206. You can submit your request via email to [SMB\\_HQMC\\_PERS\\_AWARDS@usmc.mil](mailto:SMB_HQMC_PERS_AWARDS@usmc.mil).

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.

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,

11/2/2021

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Deputy Director  
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