



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 5537-21
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 28 September 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.

You requested promotion to Sergeant (Sgt)/E-5 and any medals that pertain to heroism. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board concluded that you did not meet the eligibility criteria for promotion to Sgt/E-5 in accordance with the Marine Corps Promotions Manual. Specifically, the policy indicates promotion to Sgt/E-5 would be authorized upon vacancies existing throughout the Marine Corps and would be effected by Commanders on the basis of composite scores to be computed for each eligible Marine at such time as the Commandant of the Marine Corps directed. Additionally, for promotion to Sgt/E-5, you would have been required to complete the minimum service in grade requirement, and pass an appropriate General Military Subjects Test. The Board could not find, nor did you provide, any evidence that shows you met the aforementioned eligibility requirements.

A review of your record indicates you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 27 November 1961 for a term of 4-years. On 14 August 1965, you arrived in Chu Lai, Vietnam and thereafter participated in two named operations. You promoted to Corporal/E-4 effective 1 October 1965 and on 20 November 1965, you participated in another named operation until you were wounded in action and hospitalized on 19 December 1965. On 30 June 1966, you were transferred to the

Temporary Disability Retired List and to the Permanent Disability Retired List on 15 November 1968.

Further review of your record does not contain evidence of a personal award for heroism that was submitted on your behalf. However, the Board did note that you might have met the eligibility requirements to be awarded the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) in accordance with Secretary of the Navy Instruction 1650.1H. You may contact Headquarters Marine Corps for additional assistance with your request for a personal award for heroism or the CAR at 703-784-9206 or by email at SMB_HQMC_PERS_AWARDS@usmc.mil.

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,

10/22/2021

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Deputy Director

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