

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

> Docket No. 3303-22 Ref: Signature Date

Dear ,

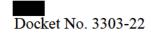
This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found 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 30 November 2022. 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 Marine Corps memorandum 1400 MMPR-2 of 17 August 2022 and 9 November 2022, and your response to the opinion.

You requested to maintain the E-5 paygrade from the U.S. Air Force (USAF) upon entry into the Marine Corps. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, upon review of your record, the Board concluded that you discharged from the USAF on 1 April 1985 in paygrade E-5. Thereafter, you accepted orders and accessed into the Marine Corps on 28 June 1985 for a term of 3 years in paygrade E-4. The Board could not find, nor did you provide supporting documentation that you were eligible to retain the E-5 paygrade upon entry into the Marine Corps. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinions.

Additionally, as a result of your special court martial, you we reduced to paygrade of E-1, and separated from the Marine Corps with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

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.

