



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

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Docket No: 4193-22

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Dear Petitioner:

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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 1 August 2022. The names and votes of the panel members 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 the 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, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, and an advisory opinion (AO) provided by Headquarters United States Marine Corps Military Awards Branch (MMMA-3) dated 11 July 2022.

Regarding your request for a personal appearance, the Board determined that a personal appearance with or without counsel will not materially add to their understanding of the issue(s) involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and began a period of active service on 22 March 1984. On 29 September 1984, you were honorably discharged by reason of completion of required active duty service. On 8 February 1985, you reenlisted in the USMC and began a second period of active duty service. On 11 May 1993, you were honorably discharged by reason of involuntary discharge following completion of required obligated service.

The Board carefully weighed all of the factors you presented to support your request to be awarded the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR), the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC), and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (KLM). The Board noted your honorable and faithful service in the Navy, unfortunately, upon review of the evidence provided, the Board concurred with the AO.

Specifically, the Board agreed with the AO that your record does not substantiate your entitlement to any of the requested awards. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

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,

8/22/2022

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Executive Director

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