

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

> Docket No. 4743-22 Ref: Signature Date



Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your father's naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your father's 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 2 August 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 father's naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

You requested your father's naval record be corrected to reflect promotion to sergeant (Sgt)/E-4 on his DD Form 214, Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States ending on 1 December 1953. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, the Board concluded there are no records reflecting your father met the eligibility criteria outlined in the Marine Corps Enlisted Promotion Procedures of 1956. Specifically, some of the criterion required for promotion to pay grades E-3 through E-5 include Marines achieving a passing score on General Military Skills Test (GMST) and attaining a composite score equal to or above the cutting composite score established by Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC). A review of your father's record indicates he entered active duty on 4 December 1951 and subsequently promoted to Corporal/E-3 (Temporary) effective 1 June 1952. On 28 January 1953, your father took the GMST and the test was scored on 9 April 1953 reflecting he passed. On 1 December 1953, your father was released from active duty and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve. Because of a change to the rank structure that included the rank of Lance Corporal/E-3 in accordance with Marine Corps Order 1223.1 of 3 December 1959, your father's rank changed to Lance Corporal/E-3 (Permanent), followed by his discharge from the Marine Corps Reserve. The

Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of your father's composite score or if he met or exceeded the cutting composite score established by HQMC for promotion to Sgt/E-4.

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.

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	8/11/2022
Deputy Director	
Signed by:	

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