



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

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Docket No: 5999-22
Ref: Signature Date

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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 2 September 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include the 25 July 2018 guidance from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness regarding equity, injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active service on 3 November 1964. Your enlistment documents reflects a social security number (SSN) of XXX-XX-█. On 2 October 1968, you were discharged with an Honorable character of service. Your Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214), Block 3, reflects a SSN of XXX-XX-█. You signed and acknowledged your DD Form 214.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case. These included, but were not limited to, your desire to change the social security number listed on your DD Form 214. In support of your application, you provided a copy of a social security card that documents a different SSN than that listed in your record.

Based upon this review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. The Board reviewed your official military personnel file (OMPF), and the document you submitted to support your request. The Board noted that you did not use

the requested SSN during your military service. Further, you provided no documentation, such as a letter from the Social Security Administration or tax records that supports a conclusion that the SSN recorded in your military record was incorrect at the time. The Board determined that in order to validate a SSN error exists in your record, verification from the social security administration to reflect your social security number is required. The Maine Corps has an interest in maintaining the integrity of its records for historical purposes. The information in those records must reflect the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time the records were created. In the absence of evidence that shows a material error or injustice, the Board determined your record should not be adjusted. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

Please note SSN benefit verifications are available online. The public can get an instant verification letter online with a personal my Social Security account, or you may call the social security administration toll-free to request a letter by mail.

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,

9/28/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by [REDACTED]