



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

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Docket No. 8881-22  
Ref: Signature Date



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 13 March 2023. 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.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 23 May 1956. On 1 April 1959, you were honorably discharged from the Marine Corps by reason of convenience of the government.

The Board carefully weighed all of the factors you presented to support your request to be awarded the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Navy-Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. You contend you are entitled to the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and Navy-Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon for your service on board the █ in 1957, and on board the █ in 1958. You further contend that you served in █ in 1958, which makes you entitled to wear the National Defense Service Medal. Finally, you request that your periods of active duty service and other services be combined to make you entitled to the Good Conduct Medal.

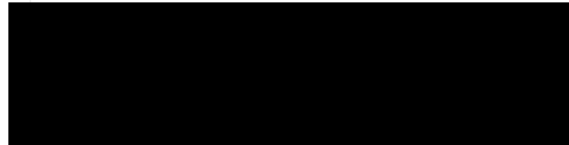


After thorough review, the Board concluded you are not eligible for the requested awards. The Board noted that the National Personnel Records Center reviewed your record in 1988 and determined you were only eligible for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Marine Corps Sharpshooter Badge, and Marine Corps Pistol Badge; corrections that were made to your record via a DD Form 215 in 2012. Further, a Navy Personnel Command review of your record in 2006 determined that you were not eligible for the National Defense Service Medal based on your dates of active service. Therefore, while the Board noted your honorable and faithful service in the Marine Corps, unfortunately, upon review of the evidence provided and all applicable regulations, they determined you are not entitled 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,

4/3/2023



Executive Director

Signed by:

