



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 3416-23
Ref: Signature Date

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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.

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 case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 30 November 2023. 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 opinions by Headquarters United States Marine Corps (HQMC) letter 1650 MMMA-3A of 16 May 2023 and HQMC memorandum 1000 MMRP-13 of 15 August 2023, which were previously provided to you for comment.

You requested correction to your DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty ending on 4 July 1996 to reflect 6 years and 1-month of active duty service and correction to your overseas service time. In addition, you requested issuance of the Southwest Asia Service Medal for participation in ██████████. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board noted that HQMC (MMRP-13) advised the Board that you will be provided a correction to Block 12c (Net Active Service this Period) and Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) of your DD Form 214. Questions regarding your corrected DD Form 214 can be addressed to MMRP at smb.manpower.mmrp-10@usmc.mil.

The Board concluded that your overseas service time is properly captured in Block 12f (Foreign Service) and Block 12g (Sea Service) of your DD Form 214. However, the Southwest Asia

Service Medal is not authorized for participation in █. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion.

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,

12/11/2023

