



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

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Docket No. 10482-23
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 16 January 2024. 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.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You requested your record reflect promotion to Sergeant/E-5. 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 that in accordance with the Marine Corps Personnel Manual of 1964, the requirements for promotion to Sergeant included completing the minimum service in grade requirement as established by the Commandant of the Marine Corps; passing an appropriate General Military Subjects Test; composite score equal to or above the minimum established for the Marine's occupational field; and be otherwise qualified as determined by the Marine's Commander.

A review of your record indicates you enlisted in the Marine Corps on 10 June 1966 and entered active duty. You promoted to Private First Class/E-2 on 1 August 1966, Lance Corporal/E-3 on

1 January 1967, and Corporal/E-4 on 1 July 1967. On 7 June 1968, you released from active duty and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve to complete your military service obligation and later discharged on 9 June 1972. The Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence that you met the abovementioned requirements for promotion to Sergeant/E-5. Therefore, the Board determined that a change to your record is not warranted.

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, _____

1/24/2024

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