

SMC Docket No: 02021-99 12 August 1999



Dear Staff Ser

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

You requested removal of all reference to your special court-martial (SCM) of 4 April 1997, removal of documents relating to your relief for cause from recruiting duty, and restoration of your 8411 (recruiter) Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) has removed all documents directly concerning the SCM, and they will remove references to the SCM from the documents concerning your relief for cause.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 12 August 1999. 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, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinions furnished by HQMC, dated 24 May 1999, and the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, dated 12 July 1999, copies of which are attached. They also considered your letter dated 26 July 1999 with enclosures.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice warranting removal of your relief for cause or restoration of your MOS. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinions. Accordingly, your application for relief beyond that effected by HQMC has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously 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,

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Enclosures