



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

SMC
Docket No: 00421-00
7 July 2000

GYSGT [REDACTED]

Dear Gunner [REDACTED]

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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 7 July 2000. 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 opinion furnished by Headquarters Marine Corps, dated 8 March 2000, a copy of which is attached.

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. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. The Board noted that your fitness reports for 14 May to 31 October 1997 and 1 November to 18 December 1997 are consistent with your relief for the good of the service from the substance abuse counseling center intern program, in that they both state you were misassigned. In view of the above, your application 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS (BCNR) APPLICATION
IN THE CASE OF GUNNERY SERGEANT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 2 USMC

1. GySgt [REDACTED] volunteered for and was enthusiastically recommended to attend the Navy Drug and Alcohol Counselor school in San Diego for a period of 11 weeks in May 1997. He successfully completed the prescribed training and was assigned to CG, MCLB Albany for duty in this billet MOS 8538. In accordance with MCO P5300.12A (Marine Corps Substance Abuse Program), there is a one year internship period in which the counselor is evaluated before being assigned to a designated position. This internship period is to ensure the effectiveness of the program. During [REDACTED] internship it was determined his basic substance abuse knowledge and client interview skill development was less than reasonably expected as a beginning interim counselor.

2. On 21 November 1997, Commanding General, Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany Georgia submitted a Good of the Service (GOS) relief request to this Headquarters (MMEA-85) to reassign GySgt [REDACTED] from the Substance Abuse Counselor Interim Program back to his Primary MOS. [REDACTED] was approved for a GOS relief and issued orders in accordance with the needs of his PMOS. Upon approval of the GOS relief a Draw Case Code (DCC) AM was entered via unit diary to document this relief.

3. All Marines relieved from the Substance Abuse Counselor Program that do not complete the required tour length receive this DCC. The DCC is not derogatory in nature when it is for a good of the service relief. Therefore, the DCC should not be removed.

4. Point of contact is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
ASSISTANT HEAD, ENLISTED ASSIGNMENT BRANCH