



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

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Docket No. 599-24  
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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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 9 May 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps memorandum 5420 MMEA of 24 January 2024, which was previously provided to you for comment.

On 15 August 2014, you enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for 8 years with an End of Service of 14 August 2022.

You were released from active duty with an honorable character of service and was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 14 October 2014 to 13 June 2019 upon completion of required active service. DD Form 214 was signed by Official Authorized to Sign on 29 March 2019.

On 6 November 2020, you reenlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for 3 years with a Reserve Expiration of Current Contract (ECC) of 5 November 2023. On 11 April 2023, you signed a 6-month agreement to extend enlistment with a Reserve ECC of 5 May 2024 in order to obligate service for promotion.

On 20 November 2023, you submitted a Careerist Active-Duty Prior Service Enlistment Program (PSEP) request and was approved on 13 December 2023. On 1 May 2023, you were promoted

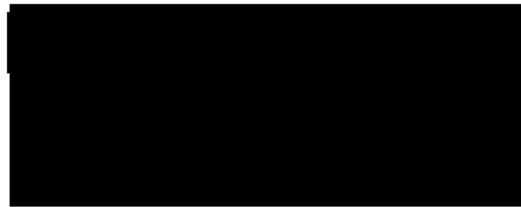
to Staff Sergeant/E-6 (PMOS 0231). On 15 December 2023, you reenlisted for 4 years with an ECC of 14 December 2027.

You requested to receive the Broken Service Selective Retention Bonus (BSSRB) associated with your FY24 PSEP reenlistment, 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 you were released from active duty on 13 June 2019. In accordance with MARADMIN 278-23<sup>1</sup> prior service regular component Marines who reenlist back into the active component with less than a 4-year break in service between regular component contracts are eligible to receive a BSSRB. You reenlisted back into the active component on 15 December 2023. Because your break in the active component was greater than 4 years, you are ineligible to receive the BSSRB. 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,

5/20/2024



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<sup>1</sup> MARADMIN 278-23, published on 31 May 2023, announced the Selective Retention Bonus (SRB) Program and BSSRB Program authorized for the FY24 retention campaign which begins 1 June 2023. Marines with an ECC from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024 are encouraged to thoroughly review the contents of this MARADMIN. Marines who reenlist on or after 1 June 23 are eligible for the FY24 SRB. Eligibility includes Prior service regular component Marines who reenlist back into the active component with less than a 4-year break in service between regular component contracts are eligible to receive a BSSRB, per reference DoDI 1304.31, in the amounts outlined in section 6.