



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

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Docket No. 1241-24
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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 29 August 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, United States Marine Corps (HQMC) letter 1000 MMPB-21D of 20 June 2024 and HQMC letter 1650 MMPB-32A of 17 June 2024, which were previously provided to you for comment.

You requested correction to Report of Separation from Active Duty (DD Form 214 MC) ending 18 August 1979; Item 18f (Foreign and/or Sea Service) to reflect 00 years 12 months 00 day, and Item 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons or Authorized) to include Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. HQMC advised the Board that you will be provided a correction to Item 18f and Item 26 of your DD Form 214. Questions regarding your corrected DD Form 214 can be addressed to MMRP at smb.manpower.mmrp-10@usmc.mil. However, the Board concluded that your official military personnel file did not contain evidence of eligibility for the issuance of the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion and determined a change to your record by the Board was 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,

9/19/2024

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