



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No. 1434-24
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner:

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 9 April 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 applications, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

The Board carefully considered your request for a new Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214) to reflect your grade as Captain, as well as your request that your record reflect you were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC). The Board considered your contention that you were discharged prior to notification of your promotion to Captain, that your promotion warrant was lost by movers, and that a new DD Form 214 is required to make burial arrangements at a National Cemetery. You also assert you were discharged prior to issuance of the PUC.

Your records reveal you were commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps Reserves on 8 December 1967, and promoted to First Lieutenant effective 1 February 1969. On 30 October 1970, at the expiration of your Active Duty commitment, you were transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve. After you transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve, you were promoted to Captain, effective 1 March 1971. On 24 September 1974, you submitted a request for resignation. Your resignation was accepted on 6 October 1974, and you were issued an Honorable Discharge Certificate.

With regard to your request for a new DD Form 214 reflecting the grade of Captain, the Board noted that you were promoted to Captain effective 1 March 1971, *after* you were released from Active

Duty on 30 October 1970. The Board noted that the DD Form 214 is an official record of a Marine's *Active Duty* military service, and does not include military service performed in the Marine Corps Reserve. The Board determined that since you were promoted to Captain after your period of Active Duty service, your DD Form 214 accurately reflects your grade upon transfer to the Marine Corps Reserve as First Lieutenant. The Board thus concluded that issuance of a new DD Form 214 reflecting your grade as Captain, is not warranted.

The Board notified Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps (MMPB-10) of your lost promotion warrant, and MMPB-10 is in the process of reissuing a new promotion warrant, which should be mailed to you shortly. If you require additional assistance concerning the reissuance of any other service documentation, you may submit your request to Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Research and Reconstruction (MMPB-21) via e-mail at smb.manpower.mmrp-10@usmc.mil. Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps can also assist with your request for a qualifying discharge document in lieu of a DD Form 214 for purposes of making burial arrangements in a National Cemetery. Please mail your request to:

Manpower Management Division
Research and Reconstruction (MMPB-21)
2008 Elliot Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5030

With regard to your request for issuance of the PUC, the Board noted your request must first be adjudicated by the Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Policy and Veteran Verification Unit (MMPB-32). To request verification and/or replacement of awards, you must submit Standard Form 180 (SF Form 180) to HQMCMMA.AWARDS.VETERANREQUESTS@HQMC.MIL or Fax to (703) 784-9866, or mail to:

Manpower Management Division
Military Awards Section (MMPB-32)
2008 Elliot Road
Quantico, VA 22134-5030

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,

4/22/2024

