



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

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Docket No. 3970-24
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.

On 14 February 1974, you enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for 6 years with an End of Obligated Service of 13 February 1980.

You were discharged with an honorable character of service and were issued a Report of Separation from Active Duty (DD Form 214 MC) for the period of 1 March 1974 to 28 February 1978 for immediate reenlistment.

You were discharged with an honorable character of service and were issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 1 March 1978 to 3 September 1981 for immediate reenlistment.

You were discharged with an honorable character of service and were issued a DD Form 214 for the period of 4 September 1981 to 15 December 1985 for immediate reenlistment.

You were transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve with an honorable character of service and were issued a DD Form 214 for the period of 16 December 1985 to 31 March 1999 transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.

You requested that your DD Form 214 ending on 31 March 1999 listed in Block 12b (Separation Date This Period) be corrected to list 1 February 1974¹ in Block 12a (Date Entered Active Duty This Period) vice 15 December 1985, 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 enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve on 14 February 1974 and entered active duty on 1 March 1974. You served on active duty continuously from 1 March 1974 to 31 March 1999. You were issued four DD Form 214s in your career, the first three were issued upon immediate reenlistment and the fourth one was issued upon your transfer to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve; together, they list all periods of service. The Board noted that your last DD Form 214 can be misunderstood without understanding the facts that you were issued the other DD Form 214s throughout your career. However, Blocks 12c (Net Active Service This Period) and Blocks 12d (Total Prior Active Service) reflects your total years of service on the DD Form 214 ending on 31 March 1999. The Board also noted that the Marine Corps stopped issuing DD Form 214s upon immediate reenlistment in 1989 and only issued them upon separating from the Marine Corps, which is why Block 12a captures your reenlistment of December 1985. In other words, if the Marine Corps did not stop issuing DD Form 214s every time a Marine reenlisted, you would have been issued additional DD Form 214s each time you reenlisted after December 1985 until you were transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve on 31 March 1999, however because of said change your DD Form 214 ending on 31 March 1999 captured your “net active service this period” from your reenlistment in 1985 until you were transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve. Based on the foregoing, the Board determined that no change to your record is 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,

9/10/2024

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Deputy Director

Signed by: █

■ In accordance with DoD 7000.14-R FMR Volume 7A, Chapter 1, members are entitled to receive pay according to their pay grades and years of service if they are on active duty in a pay status.