



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. 3975-24
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 21 June 2024. The names and votes of the panel members 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.

You enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and began a period of active duty service on 8 March 1965. On 30 May 1967, you were awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in Vietnam. On 24 February 1969, you requested and consented to being released from active duty in lieu of your normal expiration of enlistment. On 1 March 1969, you were honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant (E-5) from the Marine Corps and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve (USMCR). Upon your release from active duty, you were issued a DD Form 214 reflecting your rank of Sergeant (E-5). While serving in the USMCR, you promoted to Staff Sergeant on 1 May 1977, and subsequently promoted to your highest rank of Gunnery Sergeant (E-7) on 1 May 1982.

The Board, in its review of the entire record and petition, considered your contentions and your materials submitted; specifically, you request to change your rank on your DD Form 214 to reflect your terminal rank of Gunnery Sergeant (E-7) in order to have your tombstone at Arlington National Cemetery reflect the same. Unfortunately, the Board is only authorized to consider applications for administrative corrections to a Petitioner's DD Form 214 to correct an

