



**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. 4785-24  
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 application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 8 April 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 the 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 16 September 2002. On 15 September 2006, you were honorably discharged from the Marine Corps by reason of completion of required active duty service.

On 19 March 2014, you received a letter from Headquarters USMC (MMMA-3A) indicating that a review of your records failed to reveal your entitlement to the Combat Action Ribbon for service in support of Operation Iraq Freedom.

The Board carefully weighed all factors in your case, including your desire to be awarded the Combat Action Ribbon and the copy of the summary of action supporting your request. However, Board regulations require petitioners to exhaust their administrative remedies prior to applying to this Board and, upon review of your record, the Board concluded you have not yet submitted your supporting CAR evidence to the Marine Corps for consideration. Should the Marine Corps deny your request for the CAR after consideration of your supporting evidence, you may resubmit a request to this Board for review of their decision. Therefore, the Board

concluded with MMMA-3A determination that insufficient evidence exists to support your request at this time.

The Board appreciates your Honorable and faithful service in the Marine Corps.

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,

7/24/2024

