



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 7687-24  
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.

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 12 November 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.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You requested promotion to the rank of Sergeant and be awarded a Silver Star and Purple Heart. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board concluded that you did not meet the eligibility criteria to be promoted in accordance with the Marine Corps Promotion Manual of 1964. Specifically, promotion to grade of Sergeant was authorized based on vacancies existing throughout the Marine Corps and affected by Commanders based on composite scores to be computed for each eligible Marine at such time as the Commandant of the Marine Corps directed. The eligibility requirements for promotion to Sergeant included: Complete the minimum service in grade requirements as established by the Commandant of the Marine Corps; pass an appropriate General Military Subjects Test; have a composite score equal to or above the minimum established for his occupational field; and be otherwise qualified as determined by the Marine's Commander.

A review of your record reflects you entered active duty on 19 February 1968. After a period of unauthorized absence, you were found guilty by Special Court-Martial on 26 September 1969 and were awarded confinement with hard labor for a period of 6 months, forfeiture of \$55.00 per month

