



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7803-24
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 13 February 2025. 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Headquarters, United States Marine Corps memorandum 1400/3 MMPB-11 of 20 December 2024, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested retroactive promotion to Corporal/E-4 or higher based on dedicated service in the United States Marine Corps. 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 did not meet the eligibility criteria in accordance with Marine Corps Order P1400.32D. Specifically, the policy indicates the Commandant of the Marine Corps controls the number of Marines to be promoted to Corporal through the use of the automated composite score. Promotions are authorized on the basis of vacancies existing throughout the Marine Corps and will be effected by authorized commanders. The promotions are based on composite scores which are automatically computed quarterly for each eligible Lance Corporal and completion of the required professional military education. The determination of which eligible Lance Corporals will be promoted, subject to the composite score stipulation, is the sole responsibility of the commander. There are no provisions that allow commanders to waiver composite scores.

A review of your record reflects that you entered active duty on 20 February 2011 and promoted to Lance Corporal effective 1 April 2012. Although eligible for promotion to Corporal on 1 April 2013, the Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence to reflect that you met or exceeded the cutting score required for promotion before your honorable discharge on 23 January 2014. Therefore, in this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion and determined a change to your record was not 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,

2/21/2025

