



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8068-24
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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 5 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 as well as the 25 August 2024 advisory opinion (AO) furnished by the Marine Corps Enlisted Promotions Branch (MMPB-11). The AO was provided to you on 1 October 2024, and you were given 30 days in which to submit a response. Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, you did not do so.

The Board carefully considered your request to change your date of rank for your promotion to Staff Sergeant (SSgt/E-6) from 1 November 2023 to 1 October 2023. The Board considered your contention that you were unable to qualify for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 reenlistment bonus due to the slow processing time of the FY 2023 SSgt selection board, which resulted in your promotion one-month later than it would have been if the selection board had concluded on time. You also contend that under normal circumstances you would have been promoted on 1 October 2023 allowing you to extend to gain the necessary obligated service for promotion. You claim the one-month difference required you to reenlist in lieu of extending to promote.

The Board substantially concurred with the AO that no change to your record is warranted. In this regard, the Board noted that you were selected on the FY 2023 SSgt promotion selection board that adjourned on 25 September 2023. The Board also noted, according to MARADMIN 467/23, no SSgts were promoted on 1 October 2023. Thus, the earliest available date to promote to SSgt was 1 November 2023. The Board thus concluded that there is no probable material

error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting corrective action. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

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,

11/15/2024

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Deputy Director

Signed by: █