

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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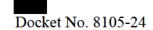
Dear ,

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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 19 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.

You requested promotion to the rank of Sergeant. 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 for promotion to Sergeant in accordance with Marine Corps Order P1400.29B. Specifically, the promotion requirement to the rank of Sergeant included completing the minimum time in grade/time in service requirements as established by the Commandant of the Marine Corps; have a composite score equal to or above the minimum established for the occupational field; and be otherwise qualified as determined by the Commander.

A review of your record reflects that you entered the Marine Corps on 24 August 1967 and promoted to Corporal on 1 January 1969. Thereafter, you were unauthorized absence (UA) from 6 April 1970 to 11 April 1970. On 16 April 1970, you were found guilty at non-judicial punishment (NJP) for violation of Article 86 (UA) and awarded 15-days of restriction, extra duty and forfeiture of \$20.00 per month for 1-month. On 7 May 1971, you submitted an Administrative Action (NAVMC 10274) requesting to be released from active duty early to attend college. You were released from active duty on 29 June 1971 and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve and subsequently discharged on 9 May 1973.



The Board could not find, nor did you provide sufficient evidence showing the required cutting score for promotion to Sergeant. The supporting document you provided; Record of Time Lost, Promotion, Reduction, Examination of Promotion (NAVMC 118(5)), outlines your composite scores for specified periods with the associated Marine Corps Bulletin for each promotion cycle. However, this does not give the authority for promotion. Therefore, the Board agreed that a change to your record is 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.

