



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 11652-24  
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 3 March 2025. 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, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, and an advisory opinion (AO) provided by Headquarters United States Marine Corps (MMPB-32A); dated 14 February 2025. Although you were provided an opportunity to respond to the AO, you chose not to do so.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 8 November 1955. Between 15 July 1958 and 19 October 1958, you were deployed to ██████ in support of operations during the ██████ crisis. On 7 November 1958, you were discharged with an Honorable characterization of service by reason of expiration of enlistment.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case. These included, but were not limited to, your desire for you to be awarded the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal and the addition of your ██████ of 1958 on your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214)<sup>1</sup>. You contend that you earned the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal while

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<sup>1</sup> The Board noted in the AO that Headquarters Marine Corps (MMPB-21D) will address your DD Form 214 to include your ██████ of 1958. Therefore, the Board took no action on this aspect of your application.

serving in Beirut during the Lebanon crisis from 15 July 1958 to 1 October 1958.

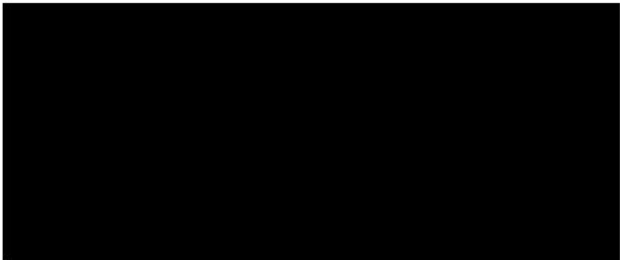
After thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. The Board concurred with the AO that there is no evidence in your record indicating that you are entitled to the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal. The Board agreed with the AO that you are entitled to be awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM)<sup>2</sup> and not the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board thanks you for your selfless and faithful service to this country.

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,

3/25/2025



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<sup>2</sup> Headquarters United States Marine Corps (MMPB-32A) determined you were entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal on 14 February 2025. A DD Form 215 was issued showing your entitlement to this award.