



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 12358-24  
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 8 April 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, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC) letter ██████████, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested to be awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (MCGCM), the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR), and 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. However, the Board concluded that you did not meet the eligibility criteria for a MCGCM in accordance with the Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual. Specifically, you were awarded non-judicial punishment on 26 November and 4 December 1967, which reset your MCGCM commencement date. Since you were released from active duty on 29 November 1968, you did not complete 3 years of continuous active service to be eligible for the MCGCM.

Regarding adding the CAR to your DD Form 214, the Board may only correct service records based on errors or injustices and may do so only after other avenues of administrative relief have been exhausted. On 5 February 2025, HQMC, Military Awards Section (MMPB-3) provided you with instructions on submitting for the CAR for service before 1999. For assistance with the

aforementioned, you may contact HQMC (MMPB-3) via phone at (703) 784-9206 or email: [smb\\_hqmc\\_mmma\\_awards\\_veternrequest@usmc.mil](mailto:smb_hqmc_mmma_awards_veternrequest@usmc.mil).

Your request for promotion to the rank of Sergeant was not considered by the Board because you failed to provide new and/or material evidence for reconsideration. The Board previously denied your request for promotion via Docket No. NR5474-14 and Docket No. 8576-16. Both petitions were denied because you did not meet the composite score of 157 to be promoted; your composite score was 131. Additionally, there was no evidence of a combat promotion in your record.

In this connection, the Board determined 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.

Sincerely,

4/22/2025

