



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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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, United States Marine Corps letter 1000 MMPB-21D of 31 December 2024, which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested to correct your rank to Staff Sergeant on your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). 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 your promotion warrant to the rank of Staff Sergeant was in the Reserves and was effective on 1 November 2008, which was after your 9 January 2007 release from active duty. Therefore, correction to your active-duty DD Form 214 is not warranted. Thus, your grade of E5 reflects the proper grade at the time your DD Form 214 was issued. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion.

Sincerely,

4/23/2025