



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 3144-25  
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 26 August 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 letter ██████████, which was previously provided to you for comment.

In accordance with MCO P1900.16C published on 21 March 1984, Marine Corps Policy and Guidance on the Issue, Preparation and Distribution of DD Form 214 Series.

The Marine Corps activity which effects separation of the Marine will assure that every Marine, excluding those listed in paragraph 1202.3 below, being separated from a period of active duty is given a completed DD Form 214 describing relevant data regarding their service and the circumstances of termination.

The DD Form 214 will be prepared and physically delivered to Marines upon: a. Release from active service. Except as provided in paragraph 1202.3, below, a DD Form 214 will be furnished to each Marine at the time of separation from a period of active duty with an Armed Force. This includes separation from a period of actual or apparent (de jure or de facto) service as well as release from an enlistment that is void by reason of minority. b.

Release from a period of active duty for training of 90 days or more. However, personnel being separated for physical disability and those who have been, serving on an initial period of active duty for training under a special Reserve enlistment program will be furnished a DD FORM 214 regardless of the length of time actually served on active duty.

Foreign Service. Enter in years, months, and days, the time spent on foreign service during current active service period. Foreign duty areas are defined in DoDPM. If the Marine has no foreign service enter zeros: "00 00 00".

In accordance with DoD Military Pay and Allowances Entitlements Manual published on 9 March 1987, Foreign duty pay is payable to enlisted members otherwise entitled to basic pay who are assigned to duty at certain places outside the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia, as designated by the Secretary of Defense. Furthermore, Foreign duty pay area of ██████████ was from 1 February 1964 to 31 May 1982.

On 15 November 1990, you enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for 8 years with an EOS of 14 November 1998.

On 28 October 1991, you transferred from ██████████ and joined ██████████ ██████████ on 28 November 1991 for duty.

On 19 August 1993, you were awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for the period of 1 January 1991 to 31 December 1991 while assigned to ██████████.

On 5 December 1993, you transferred from ██████████ and joined ██████████ on 8 December 1993 for duty.

You were released from active duty and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve with an honorable character of service and were issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 26 March 1991 to 25 March 1995 upon completion of required active service. Furthermore, block 12f (Foreign Service) listed zero years/months/days, and 12g (Sea Service) listed zero years/months/days.

On 14 November 1998, you were honorably discharged.

You requested to add foreign service to your DD Form 214 to include ██████████ from 11 December 1991 to 2 December 1993. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. In accordance with DoD Military Pay and Allowances Entitlements Manual, "Foreign duty pay is payable to enlisted members otherwise entitled to basic pay who are assigned to duty at certain places outside the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia, as designated by the Secretary of Defense." Furthermore, ██████████ is listed as a designated area from 1 February 1964 through 31 May 1982 for foreign duty pay. Therefore, the Board determined that you did not meet the requirements to list your time served in ██████████ as Foreign Service on your DD Form 214. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion.

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,

8/28/2025

