



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No. 3440-25
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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552. 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 21 July 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.

You enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 15 November 1973. From 12 April 1975 to 13 April 1975, you were deployed to Cambodia in support of Operation "EAGLE PULL".¹ On 12 November 1976, you were Honorably discharged. On 29 April 2011, you were issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), which deleted the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star and added the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Eagle Pull), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Bronze star, Combat Action Ribbon (CAR), Navy Unit Commendation w/ribbon bar, Meritorious Unit Commendation w/ribbon bar, Humanitarian Service Medal w/bronze numeral "2," Expert Rifle Badge, and Good Conduct Medal.

On 5 August 2024, you submitted a request to Headquarters United States Marine Corps' Manpower Management Divisions Military Awards Section (MMPB-3) regarding your desire to be awarded a second CAR for participation in █ and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon for your service in the U.S.

¹ From 29 April 1975 to 1 May 1975, you were also deployed to Vietnam in support of Operation █

Marine Corps. MMPB-3 denied your request for the CAR on the grounds that it was not authorized for participation in [REDACTED].

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interest of justice warrant relief in your case. These included, but were not limited to, your request to be awarded a second CAR for your actions during [REDACTED] and your contentions that you possess documentation supporting your entitlement to a second award based on your action on 12 April 1975 and, under current eligibility criteria and recent changes to the Combat Action Ribbon policy, you met the requirements for a second award. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, the Board considered the totality of your application, which included your DD Form 149 and the evidence you provided in support of it.

After a thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, in reviewing your record, the Board concurred with the assessments of HQMC MMPB-3 that your record does not support the awarding of a Combat Action Ribbon for your actions during [REDACTED]. As explained by MMPB-3, the CAR was not authorized for participation in [REDACTED].”

While the Board carefully considered your contentions, it relies on the presumption of regularity to support official actions of public officers and, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, will presume that they have properly discharged their official duties. Ultimately, the Board determined the evidence you submitted was insufficient to overcome this presumption. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined your request does not merit relief.

The Board acknowledges your heroic, selfless, and Honorable service to our country and wishes you continued success.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the 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 is attached 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,

8/6/2025
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