





**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001  
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

  
Docket No. 3519-25  
Ref: Signature Date

  
Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552, in which your request reinstatement to E-7 and correction to your DD Form 214.

Your application was not filed in a timely manner. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 28 May 2025. The Board determined that a personal appearance with or without counsel would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. You claim that you were reduced in rank at court martial based on a judge's decision and not a jury of your peers. You contend your attorney advised you to accept a judge only trial, which you claim may not have been the best route. You also claim that you made a stupid mistake by inhaling secondhand smoke, but you are not guilty of smoking marijuana. In reviewing your application, the Board observed that you did not provide a sufficient basis to excuse your failure to submit your application in a timely manner. The Board thus determined your request should be denied due to the length of time since your court martial and reduction in grade.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

6/4/2025

