



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 4279-25

Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner:

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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 14 January 2026. 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.

The Board carefully considered your request for promotion to Gunnery Sergeant (E-7). The Board considered your contention that you did not receive your promotion before separating from the Marine Corps. You claim that you were not convicted of the issues which resulted in your promotion delay.

The Board's review confirmed that you were issued an Administrative Remarks (Page 11) entry, dated 5 September 2023, regarding your relief for cause from recruiting duty due to your commander's loss of trust and confidence. On 22 September 2023, you were issued a Page 11 entry regarding a command investigation that substantiated your involvement in widespread recruiter fraud. As a result of these findings, your promotion to E-7 was delayed. On 1 August 2024, the Commanding General, █ recommended the delivery of your promotion warrant. However, you were voluntarily discharged upon completion of required service before the promotion could be processed and delivered.

According to the Marine Corps Enlisted Promotion Manual, Marines promoted to the grade of Gunnery Sergeant and above must serve two years in that grade. This requires having sufficient

obligated service remaining at the time of promotion. Because you voluntarily separated, you did not have the required obligated service and were therefore not eligible to be promoted. The Manual states that in such cases, the Commandant of the Marine Corps will remove the Marine's name from the selection list; making them ineligible for future promotion consideration. In conclusion, the Board found no probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting corrective action. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

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,

1/27/2026

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Executive Director

Signed by: █