



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

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Docket No. 5676-25  
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 23 December 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.

On 3 May 1968, you enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserve for 6 years in the grade of Private/E-1.

You were discharged with an honorable character of service and were issued an Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214 MC) for the period of 3 May 1968 to 11 March 1969 due to 214-Convenience of the Government Paragraph 6012.1b, Marine Corps Separation and Retirement Manual. Accepted Commission in the USMCR.

On 19 February 1969, you were issued a United States Marine Corps Appointment Acceptance and Record (NAVMC 763) to the rank of Second Lieutenant/O-1 with a date of rank of 1 January 1969. Furthermore, you and the Officer administering the Oath signed on 12 March 1969.

On 1 April 1970, you were appointed to the rank of First Lieutenant/O-2.

You were released from active duty with an honorable character of service and were issued an Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214 MC) for the period of 12 March 1969 to 30 November 1971 upon RELAD MCO 1900.1H, SDN 614.

On 1 October 1972, you were appointed to the rank of Captain/O-3.

On 14 December 1976, Commandant of the Marine Corps notified you via Commanding Officer, █ (█), █, █, █ that “By direction of the President, your resignation from the Marine Corps Reserve contained in your letter dated 29 November 1976 is accepted effective this date.”

On 14 March 2025, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps (HQMC) notified you that “[t]his responds to your inquiry concerning verification and replacement awards, and your Captain Promotion Certificate for your service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

You are entitled to the following awards, which are listed in order of precedence: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat "V" for superior professional achievement during the period November 22, 1970, to June 15, 1971. Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation awarded to Force Logistics Command for service during the period June 1, 1970, to April 14, 1971. National Defense Service Medal. Vietnam Service Medal with one bronze campaign star. Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with palm and frame) ribbon bar. Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Action Color with palm and frame) ribbon bar. Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device. Rifle Marksman Badge. Pistol Sharpshooter Badge.”

“In order for you to receive your Captain Promotion Certificate, you will need provide a copy of this letter, complete DD Form 149 which is provided as enclosure (7), and correspond with the Board for Correction of Naval Records at the address listed below:...”

The President of The United States of America issued a (DD 1 MC Sep 99) appointing you a Captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserve to rank as such from the first day of October One Thousand and Nine Hundred Seventy Two.

You requested a promotion warrant and a correction to the rank and awards on your DD Form 214, dated 30 November 1971. After a thorough review of your record and application, the Board has weighed all factors, including your assertions. The Board has been informed that HQMC has issued you a promotion warrant to the rank of Captain. Additionally, HQMC will issue a new DD Form 214/215 to include your missing awards. However, the request to change the rank on your original DD Form 214 is not approved. In accordance with Marine Corps Order P1900.16A, the DD Form 214 provides a record of a service member's *active service* at the time of their separation. Your rank upon release from *active duty* was First Lieutenant. Your promotion to Captain occurred while you were in the Selective Reserve, not on *active duty*. Therefore, the Board has determined that the rank on your DD Form 214 is correct, and no further relief is warranted.

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,

1/7/2026

