



Docket No. 8495-25
Ref: Signature Date

Dear [REDACTED],

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 17 March 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps memorandum 5420 MMEA of 20 November 2025 and your response to the advisory opinion.

You requested to receive the FY-10 Lateral Move (LM) Selective Retention Bonus (SRB) in the amount of \$40,000 under MARADMIN 378/09. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, the Board concluded that at the release of MARADMIN 378/09 you were eligible and approved for the LM SRB. However, you declined to reenlist with the intention of separating. Subsequently, MARADMIN 471/09 was published on 6 August 2009, and MOS 0681 was no longer authorized an SRB effective 30 days after the date of this message. On 13 October 2009, you submitted another Careerist Active Duty LM request. It was approved and on 28 October 2009, you reenlisted for 4 years 4 months. The Board determined that while you initially submitted for reenlistment during the established timelines in accordance with MARADMIN 378/09, you declined your initial submission, therefore rendering you SRB ineligible. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

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,

4/4/2026

[REDACTED]

Deputy Director

Signed by:

[REDACTED]