



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

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Docket No. 8662-25
Ref: Signature Date

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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.

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 16 April 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 1820 MMSR-5 of 16 January 2026, which was previously provided to you for comment.

The Board determined your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You requested to retire under the Temporary Early Retirement Authority (TERA). The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board determined that you did not have 15 years of active duty service and therefore were not eligible to retire under TERA. You assert that, "[t]his correction should be made to ensure my military record accurately reflects my honorable service with my approved request for early retirement under the [TERA]. I honorably served for 18 years and submitted my early retirement package in accordance with TERA guidelines. However, due to administrative error, the paperwork was lost and the request was never processed. I am now respectfully requesting that my case be reopened so that my retirement can

be properly recognized.” The Board disagreed that you had been approved TERA. On 19 September 1994, Commandant of the Marine Corps notified you that your request did not comply with ALMAR 145/93 in that your request was not involuntary. Additionally, you must be a member of the Selected Marine Corps Reserve to qualify for the early retirement program. Therefore, the Board determined that you are ineligible for TERA and a change to your record is not warranted. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion.

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,

4/25/2026

