



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE RD
ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 9129-25
Ref: Signature Date

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 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.

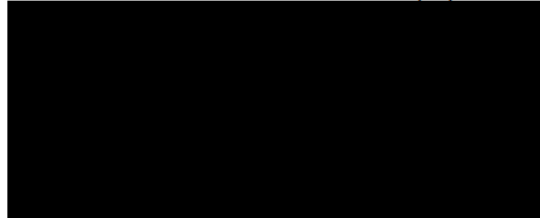
You requested a change of rank to Corporal during your active duty service in the United States Marine Corps in 1993. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. Upon review of your official military record, there is no documentation supporting a promotion to Corporal during your active duty service in the United States Marine Corps in 1993. You assert that your name came up for promotion and at that time, your score was above Sergeant but the promotion was withheld for unknown reasons. The Board found that NAVMC 118(11) was created by your commanding officer (CO) on 7 March 1994 listing that you were eligible for promotion to Corporal, but it was withheld due to your "recent Lack of Leadership/Performance." Although this entry was not signed by either the CO or you, the Board noted that you had a history of misconduct and that it was reasonable to believe that your CO intended to withhold your promotion and that the lack of signatures is an administrative oversight. Furthermore, in accordance with MCO P1400.32A, a Marine is not promoted until the commander physically issues a promotion certificate to the Marine. The Board agreed that considering the NAVMC 118(11) dated 7 March 1994, your commander did not intend to issue you a promotion certificate. The promotion warrant that you provided with your application was your promotion

to the rank of Corporal in the Marine Corps Reserve on 1 October 1995.¹ As a result, the Board determined that the change of rank during your active duty service is not warranted.

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



¹ The Board noted that a DD Form 214 is, as indicated by its name, a record of release or discharge from *active duty service*, and is issued at the time of separation from active duty and doesn't capture Reserve service (such as any promotions that *may* have been earned during Reserve service).