



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

LCC:ddj
Docket No: 6105-02
4 September 2002



This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 4 September 2002. 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, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by CMC memorandum 1400/3 MMPR 2 of 15 August 2002, a copy of which is attached.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously 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,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: ADVISORY OPINION IN THE CASE OF [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) DD Form 149 of 23 May 02
(b) BCNR ltr CRS Docket No: 06105-02 dtd 24 Jun 02

1. Per references (a) and (b), Master Sergeant [REDACTED] requests backdate of his master sergeant promotion to 1 May 2002.
2. [REDACTED] was selected by the CY 2002 Sergeant [REDACTED] through Master Sergeant Selection Board. His seniority number was 166.
3. Master Sergeant [REDACTED] had an erroneous select grade appear in MCTFS due to a computer error. The Marine who had seniority number 153, and who was due to be promoted on 1 May 2002, did not have a seniority number in MCTFS and was therefore skipped by the system. The system then selected Master Sergeant [REDACTED] instead. Master Sergeant [REDACTED] was due to be promoted the following month on 1 June 2002.
4. Although we regret that this error has occurred; to back date Master Sergeant [REDACTED] date of rank, would be unfair to other Marines in the same or similar situations who have had to remove their rank and wait for their correct promotions.
5. Recommend Master Sergeant [REDACTED] request for backdate of his master sergeant promotion be disapproved.

[REDACTED]
Major, U.S. Marine Corps
Head, Enlisted Promotion Section