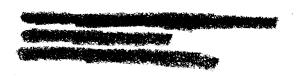




DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

JSR Docket No: 7883-07 15 May 2008



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.

You requested that your staff sergeant date of rank and effective date be adjusted to reflect selection by the Calendar Year (CY) 2002 Staff Sergeant Selection Board, rather than the Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Staff Sergeant Selection Board.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 15 May 2008. 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 opinions from Headquarters Marine Corps, dated 1 November 2007 and 14 March 2008, copies of which are attached, and your letter of 22 January 2008 in reply to the advisory opinion dated 1 November 2007.

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. The Board was unable to find you would have

been selected by the CY 2002, CY 2003, FY 2004 or FY 2005 Staff Sergeant Selection Board, had the contested page 11 entries not been in your record, as these entries were still in your record when you were selected by the FY 2006 Staff Sergeant Selection Board. 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,

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