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Cincinnati, Ohio 45240  
March 27, 1968

Commandant of the Marine Corps  
General Leonard F. Chapman  
Headquarters USMC  
Washington, D. C. 20380

Sir:

I wish to enlist in the Marine Corps Reserve, but due to certain regulations pertaining to severance pay and age, I have found that I am ineligible. After discussing this problem with an infantry reserve unit in Columbus, Ohio, (Company "L/M" 3rd Battalion 25th Marines, 4th Marine Div. FMP, USMC N & M CRTC) who have an opening for an NCO with my qualifications; however due to regulations cannot accept me, I am requesting your help in relaxing regulations so I can reenlist and join their Reserve unit.

The following is a brief summary of my prior service:

1. Joined the UMCR April 7, 1949 through the Platoon Leaders program and successfully completed Junior and Senior sessions.
2. Requested active duty and had to resign from PLQ's to be activated.
3. Ordered to active duty December 5, 1950.
4. Wounded in action at "Bunker Hill" on September 6, 1952 (had received 2 "Bronze Stars w/"V" for actions prior to this time)
5. Separated from service February 28, 1953 and placed on Temporarily Retired for Disability list at this time.
6. On September 3, 1954 I waived retirement benefits and appeared before a Physical Evaluation Board" and even though this board found me physically fit, the Secretary of Navy turned me down, and I was advised to take "severance-pay" and not contest the decision. As I am now aware, this was a foolish thing for me to do.

With the current threat to our country I believe our people should offer what our country can best use of their skills, and my skill is being a good Marine. At the present time I am in excellent physical condition, and for the past several years I have played basketball, softball, and lifted weights, as well as running, a minimum of twice a week. A bad shoulder was corrected surgically two years ago and it was a 100% successful operation. My hand and wrist which

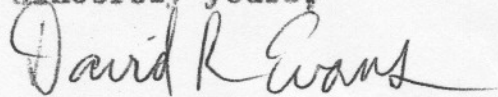
were injured by grenade shrapnel in Korea has regained its complete use and feeling. I still actively compete with the age groups from 18 up, and very few of them are superior to me physically.

At the present time I am an industrial Sales Engineer; have been with the same company over eight years. My home is paid for, and my family would be well cared for by savings and insurance if I would be activated. Due to good fortune I can now afford any sacrifice the USMC might require of me, financially as well as physically. A college education and active physical participation have kept me in contact with the present age group that make up the Marine Reserves at this time, and with my prior service experience I believe this would make me an asset to any good Reserve unit.

I presently receive a small Veterans Compensation and have checked with the VA in regard to waiving these benefits if you allow me to join the Reserves. The old saying, "Once a Marine always a Marine" is still true and I would appreciate your help and consideration in waiving regulations and allowing me to rejoin the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

Attached are copies of Discharge and Separation Form DD214.

Sincerely yours,



David R. Evans



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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Mr. David R. Evans  
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Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter addressed to General Leonard F. Chapman has been referred to this office for reply.

Your request for reenlistment and the reasons advanced for same represent clearly a demonstration of the Esprit de Corps and patriotism which has kept our country and Corps strong over the years.

The regulations with regard to restricting enlistments of those individuals who were separated with severance pay cannot be waived. Accordingly, your request cannot be approved.

Your continued interest in the Marine Corps and past service are greatly appreciated and the circumstances necessitating this action are regretted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. H. Greason", is written over a horizontal line.

E. H. GREASON

Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
Acting Director, Marine Corps Reserve  
By direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corps