



OFFICE *of* GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

October 30, 2015 — Sent via U.S. mail

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Re: Case No. 201500983
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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This responds to your July 17, 2015 request for assistance from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), which we received via US mail. Your request for assistance pertains to your records requests to multiple Department of Defense agencies.

Congress created OGIS to complement existing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) practice and procedure; we strive to work in conjunction with the existing request and appeal process. The goal is for OGIS to allow, whenever practical, the requester to exhaust his or her remedies within the agency, including the appeal process. OGIS has no investigatory or enforcement power, nor can we compel an agency to release documents. OGIS serves as the Federal FOIA Ombudsman and our jurisdiction is limited to assisting with the FOIA process.

In your correspondence to OGIS you explained that you are searching for your service records and have submitted FOIA requests to several agencies, but none have provided complete copies of the records you seek. You asked that OGIS help you obtain the complete, unabridged duplicate copy of your OMPF and STR. OGIS does not process FOIA requests for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA); rather, we provide assistance to FOIA requesters who seek resolution to disputes or advice about the FOIA process. In response to your submission, OGIS contacted the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) to inquire about your personnel folder.

The NPRC located your file and duplicated its contents, responding to you directly on October 22nd. In the letter accompanying the records, the NPRC explained what was in your file, and what wasn't. The NPRC also gave you additional addresses where you might be able to request training records and Marine Corp Unit Diaries.

I hope that this information about your request is useful to you. At this time, there is no further assistance OGIS can offer. Thank you for bringing this matter to OGIS. We will close your case.

Sincerely,

/s/

JAMES V.M.L. HOLZER
Director

