* Each step in the process takes time, and can vary widely in duration. From start to finish, the process usually takes at least 2 months and can take over a year to complete.

** You will not be detailed a defense attorney if you do not rate a board or if you waive it. Only certain bases under the MARCORSEPSMAN/MILPERSMAN rate a board or if you have 6+ years of service. For some bases, the worst possible characterization of service is General Under Honorable Conditions (i.e. BCP failure, convenience of the government, etc).

*** While serving during the period of a suspended discharge, you are not eligible for promotion for the entire duration. Any misconduct during the suspension will almost always result in your discharge.