

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

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Docket No:10439-07  
12 June 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.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 12 June 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 21 April 2008, a copy of which is attached, and your letter dated 24 May 2008.

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,

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL  
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1. requesting removal of his 2007 assignment to the Body Composition Program from his service records has been reviewed.

2. The Marine Corps has traditionally been associated with a military image that is neat and trim in appearance. The habits of self-discipline required to gain and maintain a healthy body, inherent in the Marine Corps' way of life, must be part of the character of every Marine. The objectives of the Marine Corps body composition program (BCP) is to establish healthy weight and body fat standards that ensure all Marines are physically capable to perform their duties; to contribute to the health and well being of every Marine by continuously monitoring weight, body fat, diet/nutrition, and physical fitness conditioning; to motivate all Marines to set the example by maintaining the established body composition standards; and to ensure those Marines who do not meet the standards are counseled and given the opportunity to achieve the standards through BCP and Remedial Physical Conditioning Program (RPCP). MCO P6100.12, Marine Corps Physical Fitness Test and Body Composition Program Manual (MCPFTBCP) contain policy, procedures, standards, and implementation for effective management, operation, and maintenance of the MCPFTBCP. A commander must adhere to specific administrative procedures if a Marine has been determined to be overweight or their physical appearance does not meet acceptable Marine Corps standards. The On-line Marine Corps Total Force System Personnel Reporting Instructions User Manual (MCTFSPRITJM) provides guidance in reporting body composition information into the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS)

3. The following comments/opinions are provided.

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a. Marine Corps policy requires commanders to monitor all members of their command, both officer and enlisted, to ensure they maintain the proper weight distribution and personal appearance. The responsibility to policy rests with the commander. It appears not meet the prescribed weight standards and his commander directed his subsequent assignment to the weight control program.

b. his records are in error or an injustice was commit because I was assigned to the Body Composition Program in August 2007 due to an error in the way the estimation was calculated." is not supported by documented evidence enclosed in his application. In the absence of documented evidence, there is no way to determine how Sergeant Ma or Banks erroneously calculated the measurements.

4. Commanders are required to establish and maintain an effective weight control and military appearance program. It is Marine Corps policy that commanders are held with the responsibility to evaluate their Marines and ensure they meet a neat and trim military image in their appearance, and identify those who do not because of overweight or improper weight distribution It appears that not meeting those standards. In view of the above is recommended that the Board for Correction of Naval Records for removal of his assignment to the weight control program and related information from his service records. If the Board for Correction of Naval Records finds records are in error or an injustice was committed, approve his request. Point of contact is [REDACTED]

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