



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

BJG
Docket No: 4103-09
14 May 2009

Dear [REDACTED]

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 completely removing the fitness report for 2 October to 31 December 2004. It is noted that the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) has directed modifying the contested report by removing, from section I (reporting senior's "Directed and Additional Comments"), "[You are] working hard to become a solid performer that takes pride in equaling or exceeding the accomplishments of others and to prove [yourself] as a competent SNCO [staff noncommissioned officer], "MRO [Marine reported on] can be an asset to his unit and has very good potential for future advancement as a SNCO [language to which you did not expressly object]" and "In due time, [you] will exhibit every attribute needed to perform [your] future assignments of increased responsibility."

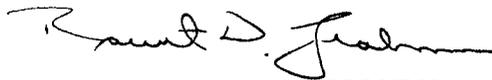
A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 14 May 2009. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. 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

report of the Headquarters Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB), dated 15 April 2009, a copy of which is attached.

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 report of the PERB. Accordingly, your application for relief beyond or other than that effected by CMC 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,



ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director

Enclosure