



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

JSR

Docket No: NR9146-14

2 October 2014

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Dear Staff Sergeant [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 removing the fitness report for 2 January to 10 May 2008.

It is noted that the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) has directed modifying the contested fitness report by marking section A, item 6.a ("Commendatory Material") and adding, to section I (reporting senior's "Directed and Additional Comments"), "Directed Comment: MRO [Marine reported on] received a Meritorious Mast on 24 April 2008."

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 2 October 2014. 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 18 July 2014, 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, except that the Board found the reporting senior was aware of your Meritorious Mast and intended to mark item 6.a accordingly, as he included the following in section I: "Sect[ion] A, Item 6a: MRO received a Meritorious Mast for superior performance of duties as Administrative SNCOIC [staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge] during the Detachment's most recent semi-annual inspection in March of 2008." In view of the above, your application for relief beyond 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 evidence within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in this case. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. O'Neill", written in a cursive style.

ROBERT J. O'NEILL
Executive Director

Enclosure