



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 4240-16

MAR 27 2017

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552  
(b) MCBul 1020  
(c) MARADMIN 029/10

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Administrative Remarks entry dtd 2 Sep15

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, an enlisted member of the Marine Corps, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting removal from his record, the Administrative Remarks, Page 11 dated 2 September 2015. In addition, the Petitioner requested that a new Page 11 entry dated on 30 September 2016 be created in his Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) which renders him in compliance with the Marine Corps Tattoo Policy during the publication of reference (b).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 30 November 2016, and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the partial corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of enclosures (1) through (3), naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Enclosure (1) was filed in a timely manner.

c. Reference (b) was issued to detail revisions and additions to the Marine Corps Tattoo Policy. Furthermore, reference (b) directed commands to provide measurements of the size (in inches) of the tattoo(s), location(s) of the tattoo(s) description and the date the tattoo(s) were verified on the NAVMC 118(11) entry of any Marine's Service Record Book (SRB) requiring grandfathering of the new tattoo policy. Commands were required to document the tattoos by 30 September 2016.

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d. On 2 September 2015, Petitioner signed the contained entry in enclosure (3), for not being in compliance with reference (b).

e. Petitioner contended that he made reasonable attempts through his chain of command to submit the required entries to document his tattoos with reference (c) prior to the entry contained in enclosure (3); however, it was never entered into his OMPF.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded to warrant the Petitioner relief by removing enclosure (3) dated 2 September 2015. Additionally, replace with a Page 11 entry dated 30 September 2016 contained in reference (b). In this regard, the Board did not concur with the Petitioner's statement, and believed he did not exhaust all of his administrative remedies prior to 1 June 2010 with the intent to document the tattoo and to ensure he was in compliance with reference (c) since the implementation of that policy. However, the Board provided approval for a new page 11 entry be placed and dated 30 September 2016 into his OMPF in accordance with reference (b).

In view of the above, the Board directs the following partial corrective action.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected by removing the NAVMC 118(11) (Administrative Remarks) entry dated 2 September 2015.

b. That the decision serves as documentation that Petitioner is in compliance with all U.S. Marine Corps directives with regard to the following tattoos documented on 30 September 2016: (1) Tribal Dragon; right bicep; 4 3/4" x 9". (2) "KD" Tattoo; left forearm; 5" x 5".

c. No other relief be granted.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) it is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.


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5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulation, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

  
Executive Director