

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 927-21 Ref: Signature Date



This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 7 October 2021. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

The Board determined your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

The Board carefully considered your request to remove two Administrative Remarks (Page 11) 6105 counseling entries dated 6 August 2019 and 4 December 2019 from your official military personnel file (OMPF). You contend the Page 11 counseling entries were issued in error. You further contend the Marine officer that issued the Page 11 counseling entries agreed to provide a letter recommending the entries be removed but that letter had not been submitted as of the date of this board.

The Board noted you were counseled on 6 August 2019 for failure to hold yourself and your team to Marine Corps standards. On 4 December 2019, you were counseled after allowing junior Marines, in your presence, to violate an order to abstain from consuming alcohol until the company was secured by the company commander and for making inconsistent statements regarding your personal consumption of alcohol. The Board determined the counseling entries create a permanent record of matters your commanding officer deemed significant enough to

document. The Board also determined the entries met the 6105 counseling requirements detailed in MCO 1900.16 (MARCORSEPMAN). Specifically, the Board noted the entries provided written notification concerning your deficiencies, specific recommendations for corrective action indicating any assistance available, a comprehensive explanation of the consequences of failure to successfully take the recommended corrective action, and a reasonable opportunity to undertake the recommended corrective action. You were afforded the opportunity to rebut each counseling entry, but you declined to provide a rebuttal for inclusion in your OMPF. The Board thus concluded there is insufficient evidence of material error or injustice warranting corrective action.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or 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.

