

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

> Docket No: 1395-21 Ref: Signature Date



Dear Petitioner:

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 29 December 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, as well as the 15 November 2021 advisory opinion furnished by the Marine Corps Reserve Affairs (RA). The AO was provided to you on 23 November 2021 and you were given 30 to provide a response and chose not to.

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

The Board carefully considered your request to change your 2014/2015 anniversary year from unsatisfactory to satisfactory. The Board considered your contentions that you were physically injured during your civilian employment and were unable to attend drills because of your injuries. You also contend that your command would not accommodate your request for alternatives to in-person drills. As a result, you claim that you were unable to earn the required points to be credited with a satisfactory anniversary year. You also claim that you did not received a notification letter from your reserve unit as indicated in the Board's 1 December 2020 decision letter.

The Board, however, substantially concurred with the AO that your record remain unchanged. In this regard, the Board noted that the Marine Corps Reserve Administrative Management Manual (MCRAMM) provides options for points awardable to reserve Marines, the options include points for correspondence and non-resident courses. The Board also noted that you completed correspondence courses during anniversary years ending 2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2018, and 2021 as an alternative to in person drills. The Board determined that you were aware of available alternative but elected not to avail yourself of this option. The Board reviewed the medical documents you furnished and noted that you injured your heel on 8 July 2014, however, the Board found no evidence that you were medically incapable of attending drills for the entirety of your 2014/2015 anniversary year and you provided none.

Regarding your claim that you did not receive correspondence notifying you of your unsatisfactory status, the Board noted that according to the MCRAMM, annual certification of your Career Retirement Credit Report (CRCR) and notifications regarding CRCR status was available through Marine On-line (MOL). The Board determined that, even if you did not receive correspondence from your unit, you did receive MOL notifications and the MOL notifications were sufficient to ensure that you were aware of your unsatisfactory status. Accordingly, the Board concluded that there is no probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, 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.

	1/14/2022
Deputy Director	
Signed by:	

Sincerely,