



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 3798-21  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]  
XXX XX [REDACTED] USMC

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552  
(b) McBul 1020 (Tattoo Policy)  
(c) MCO P1020.34H (Uniform Regs)  
(d) MCO 1070/12K (IRAM)  
(e) MCO 1900.16 (MARCORSEPMAN)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/enclosures  
(2) Administrative Remarks (Page 11) entry of 23 Jun 16  
(3) Photos of Petitioner's tattoo

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his naval record be corrected to remove an Administrative Remarks (Page 11) entry of 23 June 2016. Enclosure (2).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 27 January 2022, and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, relevant portions of the 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. On 2 June 2016, reference (b) was published, directing Commanders to ensure all Marines with tattoos adhere to the Marine Corps Tattoo Policy.

c. On 23 June 2016, Petitioner was issued enclosure (2), which documented Petitioner's left shoulder tattoo not in compliance with reference (c). Petitioner signed and acknowledged enclosure (2).

d. Petitioner contends he unjustly received enclosure (2) because his tattoo was within regulations, as required per reference (c). Petitioner further contends that his tattoo does not show out of the PT uniform, and only on occasions it can be seen due to smaller-sized shirts;

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however, that he is able to cover up his tattoo with his hand in accordance with reference (c). Petitioner provided photos in support of his contentions. Enclosure (3).

#### CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting relief. The Board concluded that Petitioner furnished sufficient evidence to support his contentions that enclosure (2) was issued in error. Specifically, when visible, the tattoo in question is able to be covered with his hand in accordance with reference (c). Thus, the Board concluded that enclosure (2) shall be removed from Petitioner's official military personnel file.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's naval record be corrected by removing the Page 11 entry dated 23 June 2016 (enclosure (2)) from his record.

That any material or entries inconsistent with or relating to the Board's recommendation be corrected, removed, or completely expunged from Petitioner's record, and no such entries or material be added to the record in the future. This includes, but is not limited to, all information systems or database entries that reference or discuss the expunged material.

4. 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.
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.

2/14/22

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]