



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

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Docket No. 5714-21
Ref: Signature Date

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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 applications on 17 February 2022. 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 applications, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

The Board carefully considered your request to be placed on remedial promotion consideration for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 for selection to the grade of Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt)/E-7. The Board considered your contention that you were not informed that you would not be briefed or considered due to not being Professional Military Education (PME) complete. You assert that you completed all required PME and that you contacted a Career Counselor who informed you that you were PME complete since 2017 when you completed the resident's course and the Board made a mistake. Furthermore, you contend Marine Administrative Message (MARADMIN) 521/14 was valid and there was no guidance change from the FY20 Board to the FY21 Board that Marine Corps Institute (MCI) 8100 Course would not be counted towards PME complete vice Marine Net EPME6000AA Course. You further contend that Headquarters, Marine Corps (HQMC) (MMPR-2), who made the mistake and marked you not PME complete, also denied your remedial consideration request. You also contend that MARADMINs from 2017 to 2020 state that MCI 8100 counts and a Marine is considered PME complete and it was not until FY21 that the Promotion Branch left out the MCI information, which was published two months prior to the convene date of the Board.

The Board, however, determined that although your contentions are valid, you were required to ensure your own service record was complete and accurate prior to the convening of the Selection Board, and that you met the requirements contained in MARADMIN 084/21, which was published on 22 February 2021. The Board noted that per MARADMIN 084/21, in order to be PME complete, you had to complete the Marine Net EPME6000AA Course and either the Resident Career School or the Career School Seminar Distance Education Program to be fully qualified. Per your own admission, you have not completed the required Marine Net course. Therefore, the Board concluded that your request is lacking in substantial evidence of an error or injustice warranting remedial promotion consideration.

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.

Sincerely,

3/10/2022

