



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

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Docket No. 5739-21
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 application on 27 January 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 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 27 August 2021 decision by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB), and the 23 June 2021 Advisory Opinion (AO) provided to the PERB by the Manpower Management Division Records and Performance Branch (MMRP-30). The PERB decision and the AO were provided to you on 27 August 2021. Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, you did not do so.

The Board carefully considered your request to modify your 1 October 2020 to 16 February 2021 Fitness Report (Fitrep) by changing the Reviewing Officer (RO) Comparative Assessment from the '4' block to the '6' block. The Board considered your contention that the RO stated, in the memorandum provided, that the error was strictly administrative and he mistakenly marked you lower than he intended.

The Board, however, substantially concurred with the AO and the PERB decision that the report is valid as written and filed, in accordance with the applicable Performance Evaluation System Manual guidance. In this regard, the Board noted the memorandum is lacking in sufficient justification that warrants an increase of two blocks in the RO's Comparative Assessment marking, and the memorandum submitted omitted any new facts that were unknown at the time of report processing. Further, the Board noted that the Fitrep does not appear underweighted compared to suggest that your comparative assessment was erroneous. The Board thus agreed

with the AO's rationale and concluded that your request is lacking in substantial evidence of error or injustice warranting modification of the Fitrep.

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,

2/14/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: 