

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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

> Docket No. 7390-21 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 applications on 12 May 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, as well as the 16 December 2021 Advisory Opinion (AO) provided by the Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs Promotion Branch (MMPR-2) and your rebuttal response of 20 January 2022.

The Board carefully considered your request to be granted an Enlisted Remedial Selection Board for consideration by the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Gunnery Sergeant (GySgt) Selection Board. The Board considered your contention you were eligible but not considered by the FY 2021 GySgt Selection Board because you were improperly briefed as being Professional Military Education (PME) incomplete. You assert that you completed all required PME prior to July 2014 and had been previously briefed at the FY 2018 through FY 2020 selection boards as PME complete. You further contend that prior to the FY 2021 board, there were no Marine Administrative Messages (MARADMINs) which updated the PME requirements and after the FY 2021 Board, MARADMIN 474/21 was issued to clarify the PME requirements and cancel all previous MARADMINs. Lastly, you contend that each year you were told you were PME complete and never instructed by a member of MMRP-50 Enlisted Career Counseling to complete the Marine Net EPME 6000AA course because you had completed the Marine Corps Institute (MCI) 8100 Course.

The Board, however, substantially concurred with the AO and determined that, prior to the FY 2021 GySgt Selection Board, you were required to ensure your service record was complete and accurate 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. The Board noted your record does not reflect completion of the required Marine Net course. Therefore, the Board concluded 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.

