



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

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Docket No. 2351-22
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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 19 July 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.

You presented as new evidence a copy of your Basic Training Record (BTR) and updated Professional Military Education (PME) requirements from Marine Administrative Message (MARADMIN) 474/21. In light of this, 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 that your previous petition was denied per your own admission that you did not complete the required Marine Net Course (EPME6000AA) and it was your responsibility to ensure that your record was complete and accurate prior to the convening of the selection board. In your current request, you contend that there still exist a lack of clear guidance on promotion PME requirements, you just recently completed the required Marine Net Course and the copy of your BTR you provided shows that the course code it is equivalent to the course code that you completed in 2012.

The Board determined that your contentions are valid, however, understood that MARADMIN 474/21 you provided still required completion of Course EPME6000AA to be PME complete to be considered for promotion to GySgt. The Board noted that in FY 2021, you were not PME

complete and only recently, per your admission and documented in your BTR, completed the required course. Although you contend the course codes are the same, the noted MARADMIN does not make mention of any “grand-father” period or exception to the EPME6000AA PME requirement. The Board further noted that, absent any policy change from Headquarters Marine Corps to the effect, you were not PME complete for the FY 2021 selection board consideration and, despite your recent completion of the required course, your actions would still not make you PME complete for the selection board consideration. The Board thus concluded that you have not provided sufficient evidence of error or injustice warranting the granting of 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,

8/8/2022

