

Docket No. 5036-22 Ref: Signature Date

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

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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552 (b) MCO 1900.16 (c) MCO 6110.3A (d) MCO P1400.32D (e) MCO 1610.7

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/enclosures

- (2) Administrative Remarks (page 11) 6105 entry of 25 Feb 21
- (3) Administrative Remarks (page 11) entry of 25 Feb 21

(4) CO, Battalion ltr 1610 CO of 6 Jun 22

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 by removing his 25 February 2021 counseling entries.

2. The Board, consisting of **Sector**, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 16 August 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 25 February 2021, Petitioner was issued a 6105 counseling entry regarding his assignment to the Marine Corps Body Composition Program (BCP). On the same date, Petitioner was issued a Page 11 entry notifying him that he is eligible, but not recommended for promotion to Staff Sergeant (SSgt/E-6) due to the assignment to BCP. Petitioner acknowledged both entries and elected not to submit a statement. See enclosures (2) and (3).

c. On 6 June 2022, the Commanding Officer, Battalion (CO, Bn) requested that the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS) entry be removed because

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Petitioner's previous command processed the BCP assignment incorrectly and he is unable to continue the assignment without restarting the process. The CO also noted that, a new assignment is currently undergoing and once the process is completed Petitioner would be placed on an initial assignment. See enclosure (4).

d. Petitioner contends that his assignment to BCP was erroneous and the MCTFS entry has been deleted from his record. He also contends that whiteout was used to change the date on the Page 11 entry.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting partial relief.

In this regard, the Board determined that the contested 6105 counseling entry assigning Petitioner to the Marine Corps BCP is valid. In this regard, the Board noted that the entry was written and issued according to references (b) and (c). The entry provided written notification concerning Petitioner's deficiency, provided specific recommendations for corrective action, where to seek assistance, consequences for failure to take corrective action, it afforded Petitioner the opportunity to submit a rebuttal, and Petitioner's CO signed the entry. The Board carefully considered the correspondence from Petitioner's CO and noted that the CO's request to remove the BCP MCTFS entry occurred more than 15 months after the initial BCP assignment, and the correspondence did not sufficiently explain the basis for the incorrect assignment. The Board also determined that removal of the MCTFS entry does not constitute grounds to remove the BCP assignment 6105 counseling entry.

The Board, however, determined that Petitioner's Page 11 entry not recommending him for promotion to SSgt is in error and was not issued accordance to regulations. The Board noted that references (d) and (e) provides commanders with guidance and procedures to follow when Marines in the pay grade E-5 and above are not recommended for promotion. Accordingly, the 25 February 2021 Page 11 entry not recommending Petitioner for promotion should be removed.

Concerning Petitioner's contention that whiteout was used to correct the date of the 6105 counseling entry, the Board determined that Petitioner's contention lacks merit and any purported method of correction to the date has no bearing on the basis for the 6105 counseling entry.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's naval record be corrected by removing the 25 February 2021 Page 11 entry not recommending Petitioner for promotion.

No further changes to Petitioner's record.

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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.

	9/8/2022
Deputy Director	