



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 5363-22
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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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 23 August 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 remove your Administrative Remarks (Page 11) entry dated 18 August 2016. The Board considered your contention that the entry implies that the tattoo was not in compliance with the current tattoo policy at the time of signing. You also contend that your tattoo was in compliance and is still in compliance with the most recent tattoo policy.

The Board determined that your contested Page 11 entry is valid. In this regard, the Board noted that you were issued a Page 11 entry counseling you because the tattoo on your right forearm was not in compliance with the 2 June 2016 Marine Corps Bulletin (MCBul) 1020. The Board also noted that you acknowledged the entry and certified that the information in the entry was correct. The Board found your evidence insufficient to conclude that your tattoo was in compliance with MCBul 1020 at the time that it was issued. The Board also determined that the current tattoo policy does not provide for the removal of previous Page 11 entries. Accordingly, the Board concluded that there is no probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting corrective action.

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,

9/9/2022

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Deputy Director

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