

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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

> Docket No. 5406-22 Ref: Signature Date

## 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 1 September 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 16 July 2022 decision by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB) and the 10 March 2022 advisory opinion (AO) provided to the PERB by the Manpower Management Division Records and Performance Branch (MMRP-30). The AO was provided to you on 16 July 2022, and you were given 30 days in which to submit a response. Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, you chose not to do so.

The Board carefully considered your request to modify the fitness report covering the reporting period 31 August 2011 to 15 December 2011 by changing the reporting senior (RS) portion to be not observed. You contend the RS had a "clear change in marking philosophy" over the course of the next 24 reports which had "drastic effects" on your contested fitness report.

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 you did not provide any evidence, beyond your statement and an unrequited email, that the RS mismanaged his profile in a manner that caused irreparable harm and/or injustice to you. Further, the Board determined that the decline in your cumulative relative value subsequent to report processing does not invalidate your fitness report.

Based on the available evidence, the Board concluded there is insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting modification of the contested fitness report. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

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.

