

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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

> Docket No. 2490-23 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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

(2) NAVMC 118(11) Administrative Remarks (page 11) undated

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of the reference, Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting to his undated Administrative Remarks (page 11) entry be removed from his record.
- 2. The Board, consisting of reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 4 April 2023 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 Petitioner's 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, found that, before applying to this Board, he exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:
- a. Petitioner was issued a page 11 entry counseling him regarding maturity and judgment associated with the proper use and carry of personal arms. Petitioner acknowledged the entry, and elected not to submit a rebuttal. Enclosure (2).
- b. In his application, Petitioner contends that the counseling entry is not fully readable. Although the counseling is informational in nature and not derogatory, the inability to read the entire document has led to issues in his career because it cannot be read in its entirety and some senior leaders have made their own interpretation on the subject. For context, the page 11 was issued by a previous first sergeant after he signed a document required to approve a pistol purchase permit. Enclosure (1).

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## CONCLUSION

Upon careful review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board found the existence of an error warranting corrective action.

The Board noted the contested page 11 entry and determined that Petitioner's contention has merit. The Board determined that due to administrative error, a portion of the counseling entry is illegible. The Board also determined that the counseling entry could be perceived as negative and if the entry was issued for informational purposes, it is not an essential matter of record and has no value for future commanders. Accordingly, the Board concluded that Petitioner's undated counseling entry should be removed.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's naval record be corrected by removing enclosure (2).

- 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 Regulations, 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.

