

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

> Docket No. 3464-23 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 threemember panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 25 May 2023. 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 23 April 2023 decision by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB) and the 22 March 2023 Advisory Opinion (AO) provided to the PERB by the Manpower Management Division Records and Performance Branch (MMRP-30). Although you were provided an opportunity to respond to the AO, you chose not to do so.

The Board determined your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

The Board carefully considered your request to remove the fitness report for the reporting period 12 June 2019 to 19 July 2019 because proper administrative procedures were not followed. Specifically, you noted that failure of any physical fitness test (PFT) requires issuance of an administrative remarks (Page 11) 6105 counseling entry and contend the adverse report is in error because you were not issued a 6105 upon failure of the PFT. Further, you contend your PFT history does not reflect failure of a PFT.

The Board, however, substantially concurred with the AO and the PERB decision the report is valid as written and filed, in accordance with the applicable Performance Evaluation System (PES) Manual guidance. In this regard, the Board noted the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academy, a formal schoolhouse, was not administratively positioned to process a 6105 counseling entry or enter PFT scores into your PFT history due to lack of administrative control and the extremely brief period of performance. Further, the Board concurred that the PES Manual does not constrain the reporting chain to process a 6105 and allows for the schoolhouse to find adversity in one's performance and document it via an appropriately occasioned fitness report. Based on the available evidence, the Board concluded there is insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting removal 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.



Sincerely,