



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No. 7127-23
Ref: Signature Date

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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 case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 26 September 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 14 July 2023 decision furnished by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB), and the 17 April 2023 advisory opinion (AO) provided to the PERB by the █. The AO was provided to you on 14 July 2023 and although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, you chose not to do so.

Regarding your request for a personal appearance, the Board determined that a personal appearance with or without counsel will not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that 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 1 January 2018 to 5 September 2018. The Board considered your contention that the fitness report was rendered adverse for failing to requalify with the pistol, however, you were not out of compliance while at the unit. You also contend that the fitness report was the result of bias by the Sergeant Major. You claim that you qualified during Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, transferred

prior to the end of FY 2018, and the gaining command did not have the facilities to complete the pistol qualifications.

The Board, however, substantially concurred with the AO and PERB's decision that your fitness report is valid as written and filed, in accordance with the applicable Marine Corps Performance Evaluation System Manual. In this regard, the Board noted that your Marine Corps Total Force System pistol marksmanship history does not include a pistol score for 2017 or 2018. The Board also noted that the Reviewing Officer statement indicates that pistol marksmanship requalification opportunities were made available, but you failed to avail yourself of those opportunities. The Board found no evidence of bias and you provided none. The Board determined that your fitness report was properly rendered adverse due to your failure to meet Marine Corps requirements by completing the pistol requalification. As a result, the Board concluded that there is no probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting modification or removal of the fitness report in question. 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,

10/3/2023

