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Docket No. 9570-23
Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) SECNAV M-1650.1

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/enclosures
(2) Administrative Remarks (Page 11) entry, 29 Oct 19
(3) Petitioner's Page 11 Rebuttal, 29 Oct 19
(4) Petitioner's Page 11 Rebuttal, 4 Nov 19
(5) HQMC Memo 1070 SEC, 30 Nov 23

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting removal of the Administrative Remarks (Page 11) entry at enclosure (2) and, upon removal, issuance of the Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon (MCRR).

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 4 January 2024, and pursuant to its regulations, determined 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. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulation within the Department of the Navy. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, found as follows:

a. Petitioner was issued enclosure (2) on 29 October 2019 stating he had failed to "meet required standards necessary to rate the Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon." Specifically, the entry noted Commanding Officer, █ Marine Corps District, had determined Petitioner's "overall performance as a Canvassing Recruiter did not meet the standards required to be considered a successful tour" because Petitioner had "failed to make [his] required mission during 22 out of the 30 months of [his] tour." Petitioner's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) contains both enclosures (3) and (4), rebuttals to enclosure (2). In each rebuttal, Petitioner contends he met the minimum standards to receive the MCRR because he completed a total of 40 months in a recruiting billet and was "not being transferred due to Relief for Cause or

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Relief for the good of the service.” He further comments the requirements “to have a successful tour” are not clearly stated. See enclosures (2) through (4).

b. Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, in its Advisory Opinion (AO) at enclosure (5), recommended removal of enclosure (2) from Petitioner’s OMPF. The AO notes reference (b) states Marines must complete a successful 36-month tour of duty while serving honorably in a qualifying billet. Further, the AO states Petitioner completed a 40-month tour of duty as a Canvassing Recruiter. See enclosure (5).

c. Per reference (b), for determining eligibility for the MCRR, Marines must perform duty in a qualifying billet, and must complete a successful tour. A “successful tour” is described as completing the specified length of a qualifying tour while serving honorably. Petitioner did not have any derogatory material entered into his OMPF during his recruiting duty tour.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence, the Board determined Petitioner’s request warrants relief. The Board substantially concurred with the AO at enclosure (5) and, relying on reference (b)’s definition of “successful tour,” as well as the lack of any derogatory material issued to Petitioner during his recruiting tour, determined the Page 11 entry is in error and unjust, and should be removed. Further, the Board determined Petitioner has met the MCRR eligibility requirements as stated by reference (b).

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner’s naval record be corrected by removing enclosures (2) through (4).

Petitioner, having met the eligibility criteria, be issued the Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon.

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 Regulation, 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.

1/29/2024

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