



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

JSR
Docket No: 11386-09
7 January 2010

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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.


You requested completely removing the fitness report for 31 March to 5 October 2007. The Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) has directed modifying the report by changing the entry in section A, item 3.c ("Type") from "C" (combat) to "N" (normal peacetime reporting) and removing, from section I (reporting senior's "Directed and Additional Comments"), "SECT A, Item 3C: This is a combat fitness report for participation in combat operations in the al Anbar Province, Iraq, for October 2007." and "completed most tasks when supervised and."

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 7 January 2010. 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, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the report of the Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB), dated 23 October 2009 and the e-mail from the HQMC Performance Evaluation Review Branch dated 2 November 2009, copies of which are attached. The Board also considered your counsel's supplemental statement received on 20 July 2009.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the report of the PERB. The Board was unable to find the contested fitness report was used as a counseling tool. In view of the above, your application for relief beyond that effected by CMC has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously 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,


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director

Enclosure

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