

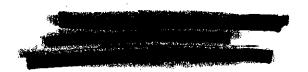


DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

JSR

Docket No: 7853-11 4 August 2011



Dear Major

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 removing the fitness report for 1 June 2008 to 6 May 2009 and your failure of selection by the Fiscal Year 2012 Lieutenant Colonel Selection Board.

It is noted that the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) has directed removing the contested fitness report.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 4 August 2011. 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 in your case dated 7 July 2011 and the advisory opinion from HQMC dated 21 July 2011, copies of which are attached.

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 advisory opinion in finding your selection by the promotion board would have been definitely unlikely, even if your record had not included the fitness report whose removal was later directed. In view of the above, your application for relief beyond that directed 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