

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

> Docket No. 600-17 JUN 1 3 2017



Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of 10 U.S.C. §1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 29 March 2017. 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, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. The advisory opinion (AO) provided in HQMC 1610 MMRP-13/PERB dated 4 January 2017 was sent to you on 4 January 2017 for an opportunity to comment prior to being considered by the Board. After the 30 day period for comment expired without a response, the case was presented to the Board.

You requested removal of your fitness report 20090201-20090529. 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. Specifically, the Board noted that the PERB took the appropriate corrective actions by identifying the report to be a commendatory report due to you receiving a Letter of Appreciation (LOA) during the reporting period. The Board noted that although the Reporting Senior failed to identify the report as commendatory and annotate that you received an LOA, it does not invalidate the contested report. Therefore, the Board concluded that although the contested report contained minor administrative errors, it was otherwise administratively and procedurally correct as written and filed. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken at this time. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the submission of new and material evidence. New evidence is evidence 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,

Executive Director