

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

Docket No: 5250-17

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Dear

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

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 7 December 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, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. Additionally, the Board considered the advisory opinion (AO) provided by Headquarters Marine Corps (MMRP-13/PERB) dated 31 May 2017, a copy of which was previously sent to you. See enclosure.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice to modify the fitness report covering 1 March 2015 to 31 December 2015 by removing comments from Section K and changing the Reviewing Officer's (RO) markings. The Board considered your contention that the comments do not show "a clear and precise picture of my evaluation period due to the markings are not correct on my comparative assessment tree." The Board substantially concurred with the AO. Per MCO 1610.7, attribute or comparative assessment marks are not required to match Section I or K comments. Additionally, the Board determined the RO did not provide any justification in his letter requesting the mark be upgraded three blocks higher. 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

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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