

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

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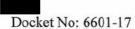
Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the 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 20 September 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. The Board also reviewed the advisory opinion provided by Headquarters, Marine Corps (MMRP-13/PERB) dated 27 July 2017, which was previously provided to you.

The Board carefully considered your desire to remove your fitness report for the reporting period 16 November 2013 to 4 August 2014 from your Official Military Performance File. The Board considered your contention that the contested fitness report was not written in accordance with the Performance Evaluation System Manual, that the attribute marks and comments are unjustified, that the comments from the Reporting Senior and Reviewing Officer are contradictory, and that the contested fitness report contains inaccurate information. The Board noted that the Headquarters, Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB) modified the contested fitness report and concluded that removal of the report, as modified by the PERB, is not warranted. In this regard, the Board substantially concurred with the comments and recommendation contained in the advisory opinion. 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