

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

> Docket No. 10927-24 Ref: Signature Date



Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 17 December 2024. 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, as well as the 23 October 2024 decision furnished by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB), 17 June 2024 advisory opinion (AO) provided to the PERB by the Manpower Management Division Records and Performance Branch. The AO was provided to you on 23 October 2024, and you were given 30 days in which to submit a response. Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, you did not do so.

The Board carefully considered your request to modify the fitness report for the reporting period "14" November 2011 to "6" March 2012. The Board considered your contention that the Reviewing Officer (RO) inadvertently marked the comparative assessment in block four. You claim the marking was inconsistent with the previous assessment and the RO intended to keep the assessment the same. As evidence, you provided correspondence from your former RO.

The Board, however, substantially concurred with the PERB's decision that you did not meet the burden of proof nor shown by preponderance of evidence a substantive inaccuracy or injustice warranting modification of your fitness report. The Board determined that your fitness report is valid as written and filed in accordance with the applicable Marine Corps Performance Evaluation System (PES) Manual. The Board noted the correspondence provided by the RO, but

found his justification for corrective action unpersuasive. The Board found no evidence of information not known to the RO at the time of his evaluation that would warrant an untimely and substantive change to your record. Additionally, the requested change could negatively affect the performance record of other Marines of the same grade in the RO's profile. The Board also determined that your dissatisfaction with the comparative assessment mark and the perceived competitiveness of the comparative assessment mark is not a basis for modifying your fitness report. The Board thus concluded there is no probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting corrective action. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or 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,