

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

> Docket No. 1241-25 Ref: Signature Date

Dear Petitioner:

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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 25 June 2025. 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 16 January 2025 decision furnished by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB) and the 19 November 2024 advisory opinion (AO) provided to the PERB by the Manpower Management Division Records and Performance Branch. The AO was provided to you on 16 January 2025 and you were given 30 days in which to submit a response. Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, you chose not to do so.

The Board carefully considered your request to modify your fitness report for the reporting period 6 August 2021 to 31 May 2022 by changing the comparative assessment mark from block "6" to "8." The Board considered your contention that the Reviewing Officer's (RO's) intent was to evaluate the report in block "8." You claim the RO reached out to you once he realized his error and provided a written statement.

The Board, however, substantially concurred with the PERB's decision that you did not demonstrate probable material error, 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. In this regard, the Board considered the RO correspondence indicating that the comparative assessment mark was inadvertent and inconsistent with his assessment of your future potential

compared against your peers. The Board also considered the impact this modification would have on the other officers in the RO's profile and noted that the modification of your comparative assessment would displace 100 percent of the same-grade officers (27 O-4s) in the RO's profile. The Board determined the negative impact on the other officers in the RO's profile outweighs the potential impact to your record. Specifically, the Board noted you were selected to O-5 in the FY26 USMC Lieutenant Colonel Promotion Selection Board. The Board thus concluded that 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.

