

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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

> Docket No. 1250-25 Ref: Signature Date

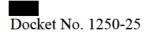
## Dear Petitioner:

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 30 July 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 17 January 2025 decision by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB) and 31 December 2024 Advisory Opinion (AO) provided to the PERB by the Headquarters Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Section (MMPB-23). Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, you chose not to do so.

The Board carefully considered your request to remove the fitness report for the reporting period 7 June 2023 to 28 August 2023 because you did not sign the report at the time of processing. Specifically, you explain that you were not "contacted or informed" to sign the fitness report at the time of processing.

The Board, however, determined the fitness report was valid as written and filed, in accordance with the applicable Performance Evaluation System Manual guidance. The Board, concurring with the AO, noted the Reporting Senior (RS) specifically noted in his section I comments that you "failed to sign this FITREP after being given two consecutive periods of seven business days to do so." Further, the RS states you were "were notified of this responsibility after the Performance Review Board...and again in email correspondence." Additionally, the fitness report specifically notes the report was "[p]rovided to MRO, no response." Noting you did not submit any evidence to support your contention that you were not "contacted or informed" and the fitness report states otherwise, the Board concluded there is insufficient evidence of an error



or injustice warranting removal of the contested report. 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.

