

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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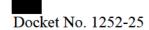
## Dear Petitioner:

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 decision by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB) and 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 Grade Change (GC) fitness report for the reporting period 11 February 2022 to 9 June 2022 and replace it with a Commandant of the Marine Corps Directed (DC) Fitness Report that covers the extended reporting period of 11 February 2022 to 1 January 2023. Specifically, you contend you should not have been reduced in rank due to a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) school failure because you were promoted in your previous MOS. You further explain that Headquarters Marine Corps corrected your date of rank to 1 September 2021 and now additional correction is required in order to prevent any further damage to your career and promotion opportunities.

The Board noted the PERB modified the contested fitness report by: 1) Changing Section A, Item 1f to "20210901"; 2) Changing Section A, Item 3a from "GC" to "DC"; and 3) Removing the following language "Directed Comments: Sec A, Item 3a; MRO is being administratively reduced in grade per Marine Corps Promotion Manual Section 6002, paragraph 1."



The Board thus concurred with the AO and the PERB Decision that the report, as modified by the PERB, is valid as written and filed, and in accordance with the applicable Performance Evaluation System Manual guidance. The Board also concurred with the AO that your petition does not justify full removal of the GC report. Based on the available evidence, the Board concluded there is insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting removal of the modified fitness 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.

