



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 1344-25
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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 23 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 furnished by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB), the █ advisory opinion (AO) provided to the PERB by the Manpower Management Division Records and Performance Branch, and your response to the AO.

The Board carefully considered your request to remove your fitness report for the reporting period 1 June 2022 to 26 June 2023. If approved, you request removal of your Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 failure of selection. The Board considered your statement that the adverse fitness report was issued due to assignment to the Marine Corps Body Composition Program (BCP) and exceeding height, weight, and body fat standards. You contend that your fitness report was marked adverse solely based on being assigned to the BCP, exceeding body weight, and Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis (BIA)-verified body fat percentage standards. You also contend there was never an assignment or record of you being assigned to the BCP nor documentation to support having a BIA-verified body fat percentage that exceeds allowable standards. You claim the height and weight do not match your electronic record, the fitness report contains inaccurate data, and it is unjustly impacting your military record.

In response to the AO, you contend, in part, that a weigh-in did occur between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023 as required; however, your height, weight, and body fat were not recorded in the appropriate databases. You also contend that Section A, Item 8f, lists the wrong data. The

number reported as your body fat percentage in was referenced multiple times as Body Mass Index (BMI).

The Board noted that your fitness report was marked adverse for exceeding Marine Corps height and weight standards and “Setting the Example.” The Board also noted your Reporting Senior’s (RS’s) Section I statement documenting the basis for adversity and noting that your BMI exceeded body fat standards. Your Reviewing Officer (RO) concurred with the RS’s evaluation and noted his confidence that you will overcome this adversity. You were afforded the opportunity to provide a statement and you marked that you have no statement to make. Third Officer Sighter reviewed your fitness report and found no disagreements as to matters of fact.

The Board concurred with the PERB’s decision that you did not demonstrate probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting removal 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 noted that you were above the maximum weight standard for your height; a fact that you do not dispute. The Board also noted that MARADMIN 652/22 authorized body composition evaluations using BIA only for Marines who exceed their maximum weight and fail the circumference method. The Board determined that the RS statement documenting your BIA or BMI was proper. The Board also determined that the inclusion of your BIA or BMI in Section A, Item 8f instead of your body fat percentage does not constitute a material error that requires correcting. The RS Section I comments sufficiently explain the source for the measurements. Additionally, the Board concurred with the AO that reference to BMI instead of BIA or body fat is an administrative error that does not disturb the adverse nature of your fitness report. The Board further determined that the lack of recorded height and weight in Marine Corps databases, and the lack of BCP assignment or formal counseling, does not invalidate the report’s adversity. The Board found no evidence that you were within height and weight standards when your contested fitness report was processed and you provided none. 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,

8/7/2025

