



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 1724-25
Ref: Signature Date

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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 27 August 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 19 February 2025 decision by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB) and 24 January 2025 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.

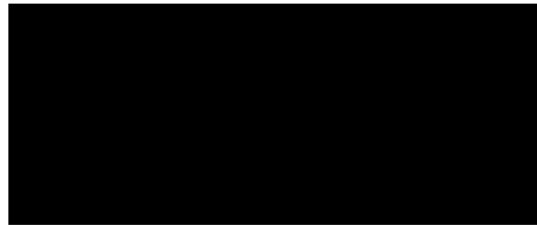
The Board carefully considered your request to remove the fitness report for the reporting period 9 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 due to your documented medical challenges. Specifically, you contend that you have “consistently maintained full duty status while actively pursuing medical treatment for bilateral calcific tendinitis affecting both Achilles tendons.” Additionally, you state your numerous medical appointments “resulted in home or self-care discharge due to the unavailability of medical professionals qualified to provide appropriate treatment” and your light duty status from 22 April 2024 to 21 May 2024, as supported by an Individual Light Duty Chit, explicitly excused you “from PFT 2024 cycle due to MSK concerns currently under treatment.” You further contend the chit was properly submitted and your class “5” was conducted on 22 April 2024. Additionally, you explain that a “hydro-dissection injection” was scheduled for 24 May 2024. Lastly, you contend that “[d]espite facing limitations in available medical care, [you] have remained committed to [your] duties and the mission.”

The Board, however, determined the fitness report was valid as written and filed, in accordance with the applicable Performance Evaluation System (PES) Manual guidance. The Board, concurring with the AO and noting your acknowledgement of “full responsibility for the adverse fitness report,” determined the available evidence does not establish that a physical fitness test¹ was not required during the reporting period. Based on the available evidence, the Board concluded there is insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting removal or modification of the 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.

Sincerely,

9/9/2025



¹ As stated in your fitness report, you were still required, at a minimum, to perform PFT events unaffected by your condition (Partial PFT) as required by regulations.