



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 3437-25  
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Dear █,

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 17 December 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.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

The Board carefully considered your request to remove the Navy and Marine Corps (NAVMC) 118(11)/6105 counseling entry, dated 13 October 2023, from your official military personnel file, along with your contention that although the positive urinalysis resulted in a command-initiated involuntary separation action against you, that the administrative separation board (ASB) concluded the preponderance of evidence did not prove your wrongful use of cocaine.

In its review of your request and all available evidence, the Board determined you did not demonstrate probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting removal of the counseling entry from your record. Although you contend the ASB exonerated you of the offense, the Board found that the decision by the ASB, after the fact, did not override your commanding officer's prior responsibility to evaluate and comment on your performance at the

time of your positive urinalysis. ASB's are administrative in nature with the fundamental purpose of determining suitability to serve based on conduct and the ability to meet and maintain the required standards of performance. The administrative separation process is not intended as, nor does it function as, a method to overturn or invalidate other Marine Corps procedures or administrative actions. Although the ASB did not find sufficient evidence to warrant your separation, that finding does not impact the validity of the prior counseling entry. It is not a material error or injustice for two separate factfinding bodies to arrive at different conclusions, and an administrative process occurring after issuance of a valid counseling entry does not render the entry invalid or unjust. As such, the Board concluded that there is no probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting the corrective action you've requested. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined 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,

1/5/2026

