



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
701 S. COURTHOUSE RD  
ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 3584-25  
Ref: Signature Date

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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 11 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, and policies.

The Board carefully considered your request to remove a non-judicial punishment (NJP) from your record, dated 14 April 2021, that resulted from your violation of a lawful general order related to a tattoo. You contend the tattoo, due to its size, was out of regulation at the time you obtained it, but that the policy changed on 29 October 2021, after which time the same tattoo was permissible. You further contend your punishment included loss of rank, and that having the NJP in your record may result in your future non-selection for promotion.

Because you admitted your tattoo was in violation of regulations at the time you obtained it, the Board accepted your admission as true and made no further determination regarding the validity of the basis for the NJP. Additionally, review of your record, and specifically review of your unit punishment book, established that prior to receiving NJP, you acknowledged your Article 31, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) rights, accepted the NJP, certified that you were given the opportunity to consult with a military lawyer, acknowledged your right to appeal, and you elected not to appeal your commanding officer's (CO's) finding of guilt. Furthermore, the Board determined your CO had sufficient evidence to find you guilty at NJP, acted within his discretionary authority, and conducted your NJP pursuant to the Manual for Courts-Martial (2019 ed.). Lastly, a future policy change has no bearing on an NJP that occurred prior to that

change. For these reasons, the Board concluded the NJP remains valid and there is no probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting its removal from your record.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

12/31/2025

