



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 3823-25  
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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 14 January 2026. 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 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 Page 11 (6105) counseling, dated 20 March 2024, from your record, and change your reentry code to RE-1A, along with your contentions that, given the lack of formal investigation during the administrative separation process, conflicting Incident Status Determination (ISD) documents, and your ultimate receipt of an Honorable (HON) characterization of service, that the corrections you request are warranted.

The Board considered the evidence you provided, along with your entire Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), and found insufficient evidence to warrant relief. Regarding removal of the counseling, the Board found the counseling is a matter of record in your OMPF that accurately documented deficiencies in your conduct, specifically a violation of Article 128b. The Board found no error in the content of the counseling, or its entry into your official record. The Board observed commanders are authorized to make such entries that are essential to

document an event in a Marine's career. The entry must provide written notification concerning deficiencies, specific recommendations for corrective action, where to seek assistance, consequences for failure to take corrective action, be signed by the commanding officer (CO), and afford an opportunity to submit a rebuttal. The Board found your entry met all requirements and noted your rebuttal.

Regarding your contentions that the lack of formal investigation and conflicting ISD documents support removal of the counseling, the Board found your contentions lack merit. The Board carefully reviewed the ISD documents and noted that although they determined you were neither the victim of abuse, nor a child abuser, they did not address your status as aggressor against your partner, which was the subject of the counseling you want removed, and therefore were not relevant. Regarding the investigative process, the Board found insufficient evidence to determine any deficiency. Moreover, the Board relies on a presumption of regularity to support the official actions of public officers, and in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, the Board will presume they have properly discharged their official duties. Thus, barring convincing evidence to the contrary, the Board concluded the counseling entry remains valid in its entirety and should remain in your record.

Regarding your contention that change of your reentry code is warranted, the Board also found this contention lacks merit. As your DD 214 indicates, you were due to "completion of required active service." The Marine Corps Separation Manual (MARCORSEPMAN) allows for an HON, General, or uncharacterized service in such circumstances. As you state, you received an HON. That said, an HON characterization does not mandate a specific reentry code. Rather, the MARCORSEPMAN provides that Marines who are not recommended for reenlistment must be counseled by their CO and the counseling recorded in a Page 11 entry when an RE-4 code is assigned. The Board noted your CO properly counseled you regarding his decision to assign you an RE-4 reentry code, as documented by a Page 11 entry, signed by you, in your record. As such, the Board concluded there is no probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting the corrective action you request. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined your request does not merit relief.

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,

1/27/2026

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