



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

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Docket No. 4513-25
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 21 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, as well as the 22 April 2025 decision furnished by the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Review Board (PERB) and the 28 February 2025 advisory opinion (AO) provided to the PERB by the Manpower Management Performance Branch (MMPB-23). Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal to the AO, you chose not to do so.

The Board carefully considered your request to modify your fitness report for the reporting period 14 October 2022 to 7 June 2023. The Board reviewed your contention that the Section I statement "promote with peers" could predetermine how your record is briefed on promotion boards. You assert that this statement might lead a briefer to undervalue the remaining Section I comments in your other fitness reports and could negatively impact the way selection board members vote.

The Board, however, substantially concurred with the PERB's decision that you did not demonstrate probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting modification 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 its review, the Board noted that the statement "promote with peers" is a regularly used Reporting Senior (RS) recommendation that does not imply negative or substandard performance. The Board determined that your contention is speculative and unsupported by

evidence. Therefore, 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,

2/4/2026

