



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

Docket No. 6115-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

The Board carefully considered your request to remove from your Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) an adverse fitness report covering the period of 4 April 2024 to 21 May 2024, and a 6105 counseling entry, dated 17 May 2024, along along with your contentions that the fitness report and counseling entry were issued for incorrect reasons and targeted your character, and that your honest reasons for not wanting to serve as a Combat Instructor were used against you to explain why you did not complete training, when, in truth, you suffered from a back injury about which you had expressed constant concern.

The Board, however, found you did not demonstrate probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting removal of your fitness report or the counseling entry. Rather, upon review of the evidence, the Board found the counseling entry accurately reflected your refusal to train, in that it included your statements that you did not want to be in the Marine Combat Instructor Course, and you did not believe the duty would benefit you in any way, as

you had no desire to continue in the course and wanted to focus on college. Additionally, you signed the counseling entry and took advantage of your right to submit a statement in response. In that statement, you again stated you did not want to be a Combat Instructor, and that, over the course of several counseling sessions related to this decision, you had listed several reasons why you did not want to be in the course. Among those reasons, you cited back injury, in addition to education and basic housing allowance concerns, however, the Board opined, the specific reasons do not diminish the properly documented fact that you did not desire to continue training. For these reasons, the Board determined your evidence insufficient for removal of the counseling entry. Regarding your request to remove the fitness report, the Board noted you have not exhausted available administrative remedies in that you have not petitioned the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation Board for relief. As such the Board concluded your request should be denied.

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,

5/5/2026

