



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 6174-25
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 29 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, as well as the ██████████ advisory opinion furnished by the Manpower Management Performance Branch (MMPB-23), and your response to the AO.

The Board carefully considered your request for retroactive promotion to the rank of Gunnery Sergeant (GYSGT), with associated backpay and benefits, and extension of your current enlistment to reflect time-in-grade requirements and allow for continued service at your corrected rank, along with your contention that your record was incorrectly briefed as Professional Military Education (PME) incomplete from Fiscal Year 2019, (FY-19) to Fiscal Year 2023, (FY-23), due to administrative oversight. You further contend that you completed the Career Course Seminar (CCS) in January 2017, and believed you were PME compliant, but a policy change effective 1 October 2016 was not communicated to you, which led to six missed promotions. You lastly contend that even after taking correction action, your record remains non-competitive compared to peers, despite having now met all requirements and having no adverse material in your record.

The Board, however, substantially concurred with the AO that you did not demonstrate probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting the relief requested. As the AO explained, your record was reviewed and accurately briefed with your correct PME status for each selection board identified in your request. Despite your argument that the Marine

Administrative Message (MARADMIN) announcing the policy change was unclear, you were required to complete the MarineNet EPME6000AA course, under the new policy, for all selection boards for Fiscal Year 2020 and after. The temporary provision applied only to the FY-19 selection board. As the AO pointed out, each MARADMIN for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY-20) through FY-23 gave specific PME guidance requiring completion of MarineNet EPME6000AA *and* either the Resident Career Course (RCC) or CCS to be considered PME compliant for promotion to GySgt. As you did not complete these requirements, 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,

5/8/2026

