

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 6835-25 Ref: Signature Date



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 9 July 2025. The names and votes of the panel members 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.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and commenced active duty on 20 February 2024. On 24 April 2024, your battalion commander recommended that you be discharged due to medical fraud. He explained that you were being recommended for an entry level separation because you "stated that [you were] struggling with [your] mother being diagnosed with breast cancer early on in recruit training." Further, according to the letter from your battalion commander, you told your senior drill instructor that you were experiencing "suicidal thoughts" and previously diagnosed with adjustment disorder with mixed anxiety and depressed mood. According to the letter from your battalion commander, your mental health condition had "been an issue since the 8th grade with thoughts of suicide due to the thought of [your] father leaving that SNR [subject named recruit] did not disclose this through his 2807, his recruiter, or MEPS." On 7 May 2024, you were issued a letter from the Commanding General, stating that you were being involuntarily released from active duty due to fraudulent entry. On 13 May 2024, you were

discharged with an uncharacterized characterization of service due to fraudulent entry and assigned an RE-3F reentry code.

In your petition, your specific request for relief was to change your medical history from suicide attempt to suicidal ideation. In support of your request, you contend that when you were in recruit training you were told that you would be able to reenlist after six months but when you went to a recruiter in 2025 you were that you had to wait until 2027. You also asserted that you never attempted to end your life but that you answered the question of if you knew ways that you could commit suicide, and that resulted in a note in your record that you tried. You also state that your father served for 18 years in the Marine Corps and four in the Army, and that you want to make your family proud.

The Board carefully reviewed your petition and the material that you provided in support of your petition and disagreed with your rationale for relief. In reaching its decision, the Board observed that it applies a presumption of regularity to support the official actions of public officers and, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, will presume that they have properly discharged their official duties. At the outset, the Board noted you did not provide a copy of the document that you would like to have the Board change, and that in its review of available records, it could not find a document reflecting that you attempted to commit suicide. Rather, as noted above, the letter from your battalion commander reported that you engaged in suicidal thoughts. The Board is not, however, an investigative body, so the fact that it did not find such a document does not mean that such a document does not exist. Further, the Board noted that even if such a document does exist, and the Board had an opportunity to review it for sufficiency, it would apply the aforementioned presumption of regularity based on the lack of any evidence to the contrary. 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.

