



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

Docket No. 8535-25
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 20 May 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 carefully considered your request to remove a 6105 counseling entry dated 3 June 2025 from your Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), along with your contention that the counseling entry was selectively applied, excessive, unjust, and disproportionate to the offense. You additionally contend the 6105 was issued over four months after the incident without any justification, and that you took full responsibility for the incident and corrected the issue immediately.

The Board, however, found you did not demonstrate probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting removal of the counseling entry. Rather, the Board found the counseling entry was properly executed and filed, in accordance with the Marine Corps Performance Evaluation System (PES) Manual. The Board opined, a counseling entry is an administrative tool, which documents a commander's decision. Commanders are authorized to make other entries on this page that are essential to document an event in a Marine's career for which no other means or method of recording exists. The counseling entry must provide written notification concerning deficiencies, specific recommendations for corrective action, where to seek assistance, consequences for failure to take corrective action, and afford the member an opportunity to submit a rebuttal. The commanding officer (CO) must also sign the counseling

entry. Review of your counseling entry shows that all above criteria are met, and the entry is signed by both you and your CO. Upon signature, you indicated your intent to make a statement in response, and that response was received by your command, reviewed, and is included in your OMPF. Lastly, a counseling entry is given a presumption of regularity, which requires a Petitioner to provide substantial evidence that the commander's decision was unjust or was materially in error. The Board found your evidence did not meet this burden. For these reasons, the Board concluded your counseling entry is valid as filed and, as such, your request for relief is 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,

6/5/2026

