



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

701 S. COURTHOUSE RD

ARLINGTON, VA 22204

[REDACTED] Docket No. 9010-25

Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552. 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 was 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 17 September 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.

A review of your naval record reveals that you commenced Marine Corps Officer Candidates School (OCS) on 14 January 2023. A letter in your naval record, dated 8 March 2023, explained that your training was terminated on 8 March 2023, due to Inability to Adapt. Prior to your 2023 OCS attendance, you previously attended OCS in 2022 and were dropped with a Not Physically Qualified (NPQ) code due to an apparent respiratory issue.

In your petition, you request to have your most recent Drop Code changed to "Medical." In support of your request, you argue this would serve the interests of equity, justice, and the integrity of the military discharge review process. You also argue that this change could remove an undue barrier to your continued professional development and full participation in civilian life. In further support of your request, you assert that your experience as an officer candidate led to a variety of medical conditions. You provided service record documents, documentation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, personal statements, and medical records in support of your request.

The Board carefully reviewed your contentions and the material that you submitted in support of your request 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. In its review of the entirety of your petition and all available documentation, the Board determined that you provided insufficient evidence to overcome the presumption of regularity or of injustice. Further, the Board was not persuaded by the fact that the VA rated you for service connected disability conditions. The Board considered that eligibility for compensation and pension disability ratings by the VA is tied to the establishment of service connection and is manifestation-based without a requirement that unfitness for military duty be demonstrated. Therefore, the Board determined your evidence was insufficient to substantiate those conditions were unfitting at the time of your discharge from the Marine Corps or the basis for your 2023 drop from OCS. Accordingly, in light of all of the foregoing, the Board denied your petition in its entirety.

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,

11/20/2025

