

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

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Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 18 March 2015. 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, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 21 October 2003. On 6 January 2011, you received nonjudicial punishment for drug and disorderly conduct. On 7 January 2011, you submitted a letter of apology, were counseled regarding your deficiency in your performance and conduct, and warned that further misconduct could result in administrative discharge action. You did not submit an appeal to your commanding officer's (CO) decision. You remained on active duty until you were released from active duty and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve on 10 May 2013.

The Board concluded that your commanding officer's decision to impose NJP was appropriate, and it was administratively and procedurally correct as written and filed. The Board further concluded that the removal of the NJP or administrative remarks dated 7 January 2011 is not warranted, and that such action would be unfair to your peers, against whom you will compete for promotions and assignments. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence within one year from the date of the Board's decision. New evidence is evidence not previously considered by the Board prior to making its decision in your case. 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

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