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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on Major Card's ltr 1420 of 1 Dec 11

From: Commanding General

To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (JAM)

Subj: REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF PROMOTION DELAY AND DATE-OF-RANK
ESTABLISHED AS 1 JULY 2010

1. Forwarded. I concur with the Commanding Officer, I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, that Major Card's promotion delay be removed, and the date-of-rank be established as 1 July 2010.


T. D. WALDHAUSER

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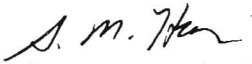
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Major Card's ltr 1420 of 1 December 2011

From: Commanding Officer, I MEF Headquarters Group
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (JAM)
Via: (1) Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force

Subj: REQUEST FOR PROMOTION AND DATE-OF-RANK ESTABLISHMENT

1. Forwarded, recommending the promotion delay be removed, and the date-of-rank be established as 1 July 2010.


S. M. HANSON

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1 Dec 11

From: Major Edward Thomas Card, Jr., 2352/0302 USMC
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (JAM)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, I MEF Headquarters Group
(2) Commanding General, I MEF

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Ref: (a) ALNAV 007/09, Par. 1
(b) MARADMIN 303/10, Par. 9
(c) CMC ltr 1420 JAMP of 1 Jul 10
(d) CMC ltr 1420 JAMP of 19 Jul 11
(e) Major Card's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF)
(f) SECNAV ltr of 28 Aug 08, Par. 5.b.

Encl: (1) Memorandum for the Record 5800 SJA of 16 May 2011

1. Reference (a) announced I had been selected for promotion during the FY10 Lieutenant Colonel Promotion Selection Board with selection #302. Reference (b) projected my promotion to occur on 1 July 2010.

2. On 17 June 2009, I was detained and questioned by NCIS under suspicion of having committed misconduct. Subsequent legal proceedings dragged on for over two years. CMC(JAM) published reference (c), and delayed my promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

3. The Commanding General, I MEF concluded the allegations of misconduct against me are unsubstantiated; and, he has directed that this case be closed (enclosure (1)).

4. Reference (d) informed me that my promotion case is pending a determination of whether I am morally and professionally qualified for promotion. The following sub-paragraphs cite information, which is documented within reference (e) and communicates my moral and professional qualifications for promotion:

a. My inclusion amongst those officers named in reference (a) implies that my qualifications and performance of duty clearly demonstrate that I am capable of performing the duties associated with the next higher grade (reference (f)).

b. Over twenty-nine (29) months had transpired between the publication of reference (a) and my receipt of reference (d).

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Since the publication of reference (a) in 2009, I have remained:

(1) Morally qualified for promotion. DoNCAF completed an inquiry into my loyalty, character, trustworthiness, and reliability, required for access to national security information. On 7 September 2011, DoNCAF determined that I continue to be eligible for a TS/SCI security clearance.

(2) Professionally qualified for promotion

(a) Following my detention by the NCIS, I was re-assigned from my billet as the Operations Officer within I MEF Command Element G3 Current Operations Section to the I MEF Headquarters Group (I MHG), and considered non-deployable. Within I MHG, I served consecutively within two, principle staff officer assignments; both of which were outside of my primary military occupational specialty (PMOS) and designated for a Lieutenant Colonel. As indicated by the reporting senior (RS) and reviewing officer (RO) relative values of my fitness reports, I have continued to consistently perform above average, (reference (e); specifically, my Master Brief Sheet).

(b) On 16 November 2011, I qualified with the M9 Service Pistol (Expert, 8th Award).


(c) On 17 November 2011, I conducted the Combat Fitness Test (256, 2nd Class).

(d) USMC Height/Weight standards. I am 70" in height; and, I weigh 174lbs. My physical appearance is depicted by a current photograph within reference (e).

5. I respectfully request:

a. the promotion delay be removed, thereby affecting my promotion to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel, in accordance with reference (a); and,

b. my date-of-rank be established as 1 July 2010, in accordance with reference (b).


E. T. CARD, JR.

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MAY 16 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: DISPOSITION OF ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT; CASE OF MAJOR
EDWARD T. CARD, XXX XX 2352, USMC

Ref: (a) Article 32 Investigation of 30 Apr 11

1. Major Card was the subject of an Article 32 investigation, which concluded on 30 April 2011 (reference (a)). The Article 32 Investigating Officer recommended dismissal of the charge due to insufficient evidence. After a careful review of the reference, I have concluded that the allegations of misconduct against Major Card are unsubstantiated.

2. I have directed that this case be closed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. D. Waldhauser".

T. D. WALDHAUSER

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Enclosure (1)

Subj: REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF PROMOTION DELAY AND DATE-OF-RANK
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For Decision by the Commandant:

(Remove the promotion delay and affect Major Card's promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.)

Director, Marine Corps Staff	Approval	_____
Recommends:	Disapproval	_____

Assistant Commandant of the	Approval	_____
Marine Corps Recommends:	Disapproval	_____

Commandant of the Marine Corps	Approved	_____
Decision	Disapproved	_____

(Once promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, establish Major Card's date-of-rank as 1 July 2010.)

Director, Marine Corps Staff	Approval	_____
Recommends:	Disapproval	_____

Assistant Commandant of the	Approval	_____
Marine Corps Recommends:	Disapproval	_____

Commandant of the Marine Corps	Approved	_____
Decision	Disapproved	_____