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Docket No: 4399-14
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (MMMA)

Subj: REVIEW NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED] USMC,
002-30-7273

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552
(b) SECNAVINST 1650

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case Summary
(3) Excerpt of Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, an enlisted member of the Marine Corps, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that his record be corrected by awarding him the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) for service during the period from 30 January 1959 to 29 January 1964, and the Marine Corps Security Guard Ribbon (MCSGR) for embassy duty from 10 August 1961 to 18 January 1964.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 21 April 2015, and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 30 January 1959. The record shows that on 7 June 1961, he was assigned to Marine Security Guard (MSG) School under instruction. On 14 July 1961, he was awarded

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Meritorious Mast for outstanding performance of duty while under instruction in MSG school and becoming an Honor Graduate of his class with a 93 percent average. During the period from 10 August 1961 to 18 January 1964, he was assigned as a MSG at American Embassies in Monrovia, Liberia and Athens, Greece. He was honorably discharged on 29 January 1964. Petitioner's service during the period from 1 January 1961 to 14 August 1974, qualifies him to wear the NDSM.

d. Reference (b) states, in part, that a minimum of 12 months in the program was required to be eligible to receive the MCSGR. Further, in determining the eligibility for the MCSGR, duty had to be performed at a Department of State overseas post. Petitioner served 29 months in the MSG program.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board determined that he should be awarded the NDSM for his service during the period from 30 January 1959 to 29 January 1964. Additionally, he should be awarded the MCSGR for his service at American Embassies in Monrovia, Liberia and Athens, Greece during the period from 10 August 1961 to 18 January 1964.

In view of the above, the Board recommends the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that he was awarded the MCSGR for his service at the American Embassies, in Monrovia, Liberia and Athens, Greece, and awarded the NDSM for his service covering the period from 30 January 1959 to 29 January 1964.

b. That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

c. That upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received on 28 February 2014.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c) it is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.


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5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulation, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.


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Executive Director