



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 3272-16

OCT 31 2017

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER [REDACTED] USN,
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552
(b) SECNAVINST 5420.193 Series

Encl: (1) DD Form 149
(2) Subject's naval record (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of references (a) and (b), Petitioner, a former commissioned officer in the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his Certificate Of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (DD Form 215) be entered into his archived official military personnel file (OMPF). He impliedly requested that NAVPERS 1650/51 also be entered into his OMPF.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 14 July 2017, 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, relevant portions of the naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

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. Petitioner was commissioned in the Navy on 22 February 1943 and was honorably released from active duty on 20 January 1946. On 18 September 2014, he was issued a certificate (NAVPERS 1650/51) awarding him the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action on 23 February 1946. On 26 September 2014, Petitioner was issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (DD Form 215) to add the Purple Heart Medal and additional awards to his Notice of Separation From the U.S. Naval Service (NAVPERS 553).

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c. Petitioner's OMPF pre-dates 1955 and has been archived. Thus, the BCNR must direct the inclusion of any material generated post 1955 into his OMPF.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action by having his NAVPERS 1650/51, issued on 18 September 2014, and his DD Form 215, issued on 26 September 2014 (enclosure 2) entered into his archived OMPF.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petitioner's NAVPERS 1650/51, issued on 18 September 2014, be entered into his archived OMPF.

Petitioner's DD Form 215, issued on 26 September 2014, be entered into his archived OMPF.

No further changes be made to the record.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

Upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received in 14 April 2016.

4. 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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Recorder

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