



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 2999-21  
Ref: Signature Date



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 insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 19 July 2021. The names and votes of the panel members will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error or injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of the 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, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. The Board also considered an advisory opinion (AO) from the Navy Personnel Command dated 22 May 2021.

You enlisted in the U.S. Navy on 4 April 1956 and served honorably until you retired on 22 September 1975. In your application, you provided documentary evidence that prior to your retirement, the Officer-in-Charge, Naval Security Group Detachment, █ drafted a proposed citation recommending that you be presented the Naval Security Group Meritorious Service Award following completion of 19 years of active service with the Naval Security Group. You also assert in your application that you were awarded a unit citation when you were stationed in █

On 9 September 2019, the Navy Personnel Command provided you with a transmittal of Entitlement to Awards and determined that after a review of your records, you are entitled to the following awards: Good Conduct Medal 4<sup>th</sup> Award and National Defense Service Medal. A copy of the letter was filed in your official military records.

As part of the Board's review, the Navy Personnel Command reviewed your request and provided the Board with an AO on 22 May 2021. The AO stated that a review of your records failed to provide evidence that you were awarded the Navy Security Group Meritorious Service Award. Further, the AO revealed that there is no evidence that Naval Security Group [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was awarded a Presidential Unit Award during your assignment. The AO was provided to you on 24 May 2021 and you were given 30 days in which to respond. When you did not respond within 30 days, your case was submitted to the Board for review.

The Board carefully reviewed your application, weighed all potentially mitigating factors, and considered your contention that you were awarded both the unit citation and Meritorious Service Award, and would like them presented to you for your funeral. The Board also considered the review conducted by the Navy Personnel Command. The Board, relying on the AO, and noting your failure to provide any further documentary material in support of your application, did not find evidence of an error or injustice that warrants your entitlement to the two (2) mentioned awards.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the 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,

7/21/2021

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Signed by [REDACTED]