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> Docket No: 4425-21 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments (2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting to be awarded the following awards: Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM), National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) 2<sup>nd</sup> Award, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA). Enclosure (2) applies

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. **1999**, Mr. **1999**, and Ms. **1999** reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 October 2021, and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 his naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, 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 review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner completed an honorable period of active service in the Navy from 15 May 1992 to 1 December 2001.

d. Upon his discharge Petitioner was issued a Certificate of Release from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Block 13 of his DD Form 214 for the period ending on 1 December 2001 reflects Petitioner was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle "E" Ribbon (2<sup>nd</sup> Award),

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National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2<sup>nd</sup> Award).

e. On 29 September 2021, Navy Personnel Command (NPC) PERS 3B completed a review of Petitioner's record and determined Petitioner is entitled to the following awards: Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM), National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) 2<sup>nd</sup> Award, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA).

## CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief.

In light of the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) PERS 3B awards review and subsequent favorable advisory opinion, the Board determined Petitioner is entitled the addition of the following award not previously awarded: Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM), National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) 2<sup>nd</sup> Award, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA).

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), to indicate his entitlement to the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM), National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) 2<sup>nd</sup> Award, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA).

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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

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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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.

