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Docket No: 7562-21

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,
XXX-XX-██████████, USN

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), Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting addition of the following awards: Combat Action Badge (CAB), and Good Conduct Medal (GCM). Enclosure (2) applies
2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 11 February 2022, 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 a period of active service in the Navy from 10 June 1943 to 15 April 1946.
 - d. Upon his discharge Petitioner received an honorable character of service and was issued a Notice of Separation from the US Naval Service (NAVPERS 553). Petitioner's NAVPERS 553 reflects he received the following awards: European Theater Ribbon (1 star), American Theater Ribbon, and the Victory Medal.

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e. As part of the review process, on 9 February 2022, Navy Personnel Command (NPC)-PERS-3B, conducted an awards review and issued a partially favorable advisory opinion (AO) which confirmed that Petitioner is entitled to the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR). PERS-3B, determined continuous active service requirement for the GCM at the time of Petitioner's separation from active duty, was three years. Petitioner was on Active Duty from 10 June 1943 to 15 April 1946, a period of 2 years, 10 months, 13 days. There insufficient documentation to determine if Petitioner met the conduct and proficiency requirements for the GCM, therefore, PERS-3B recommended disapproval of Petitioner's request for the GCM.

f. Petitioner contends he was not awarded in service and did not know that he may be eligible for the GCM and CAR. Petitioner provides OMPF excerpts in support of his request.

CONCLUSION:

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

In light of the PERS-3B Advisory Opinion (AO) dated 9 February 2022, the Board determined Petitioner is entitled the addition of the following award: the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR).

In regard to Petitioner's request to be issued Good Conduct Medal (GCM), the Board concurred with the PERS-3B AO. Therefore, Petitioner's request for addition of GCM is not warranted.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petiitoner be issued A DD-215, Correction to NAVPERS 553, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty to indicate his entitlement to the CAR.

No further changes be made to Former Member'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.

3/3/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]