



AFRM with one “M” device. We found no evidence of material error or injustice, and therefore recommend BCNR deny relief.

The AO noted that DoDM 1348.33, Vol. 2, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards, stated that the contingencies and operations designated for the “M” device are found on the ASD M&RA website. On such website, all of the named contingencies, commenced after 9/11, that you supported were grouped together as one operation entitled the WoT. The AO pointed out that the ASD M&RA website reference clearly states “[m]ultiple periods of service during one designated contingency shall count as one “M” device.” The AO concluded by opining that pursuant to Department of Defense regulations, you were entitled to only one (1) “M” device on your AFRM in support of the WoT, and not five or six. The AO did note, however, that your comments regarding the need to clarify the policy were well taken, and that the NDBDM would endeavor to simplify the language in the future.

The Board, in its review of the entire record and petition, carefully considered your contentions as specifically outlined in your petition. However, the Board unanimously determined even after reviewing the evidence in the light most favorable to you, that you do not meet the qualifying criteria to receive multiple “M” devices on your AFRM. The Board concluded that each of the multiple contingencies you mobilized for and supported were grouped under the singular operation designated as the WoT. As a result, the Board concurred with the AO and concluded that you did not meet the baseline eligibility criteria for more than one (1) “M” device on your AFRM, and were not entitled to either five or six “M” devices. Accordingly, the Board determined insufficient evidence of error or injustice exists to warrant a change to your record.

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

6/7/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: █