



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 0304-22
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-█, USMC

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149
(2) Case summary
(3) Naval record (excerpts)

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 that his Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214) be corrected to reflect the addition of the award of the Purple Heart. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 7 February 2022, 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 his naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and 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 enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 4 April 1966.

d. On 5 February 1968, Petitioner was wounded in action while conducting combat operations in the vicinity of █, █. Petitioner sustained fragmentation wounds on his right foot as a result of hostile mortar fire.

e. On 2 June 1969, Petitioner was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps.

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f. Upon his discharge, Petitioner received a DD Form 214 with the following awards listed on section 24: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 bronze star device, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/device, Good Conduct Medal, and a Letter of Appreciation.

g. On 16 January 1991, Petitioner was issued the Purple Heart Certificate for wounds received in action against the enemy on 5 February 1968.

h. On 19 November 1991, USMC [REDACTED] informed the Petitioner about the approval of the award of the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action against the enemy on 5 February 1968.

i. Petitioner is requesting the addition of the award of the Purple Heart on this DD Form 214. Petitioner provides excerpts from his Official Military Personnel Files (OMPF) for the Board's consideration.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of the evidence in record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board noted that Petitioner's DD Form 214 contains an administrative error and warrants correction. Petitioner's DD Form 214 does not reflect that Petitioner was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds he received in action against the enemy on 5 February 1968.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) reflecting the award of the Purple Heart.

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

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) 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.

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

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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.

2/23/2022

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Executive Director

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