



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 832-22
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █
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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Advisory Opinion by NDBDM, 5 May 22

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 National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) and the Navy Occupation Medal (NOSM) on his Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214).

2. The Board, consisting of █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 11 July 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. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

b. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of service on 7 December 1953, and on 1 November 1955 Petitioner was assigned to serve aboard the █

c. On 23 October 1957 Petitioner was honorably discharged from active duty and transferred to the Navy Ready Reserve, and on 6 December 1961 Petitioner was honorably discharged from the Navy Ready Reserve.

d. Enclosure (1), Petitioner contends he is entitled to receive the NDSM and the NOSM for his service during the █ conflict onboard █.

CONCLUSION

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

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In light of the Advisory Opinion (AO), enclosure (2)¹, the Board determined Petitioner is entitled to the NDSM and Navy Good Conduct Medal (NGCM). The Board concurred with the AO that the NDSM was awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served any period of active duty from 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954. Since Petitioner served on active duty from 7 December 1953 to 23 October 1957, he is entitled to the NDSM. Further, the Board concluded Petitioner is entitled to NGCM since he achieved marks which met or exceeded both sets of performance and conduct requirements and his record does not contain evidence of any disqualifying events.

Notwithstanding the recommended corrective action below, the Board also concurred with the AO that Petitioner is not eligible for the NOSM. The Board determined that NOSM eligibility was limited to service in the Asia Pacific Theater from 2 September 1945 to 27 April 1952. Since Petitioner did not enlist in the Navy until 1953, the Board concluded Petitioner is not entitled to the NOSM.

RECOMMENDATION

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

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 reflecting the addition of the NDSM and the NGCM.

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's naval record.

That 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.

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.

7/28/2022

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¹ Enclosure (2), AO by the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM) conducting an awards review and concluded that Petitioner is entitled to the NDSM and the NGCM.