



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 2870-22
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear █

This is in reference to your application for correction of your father's, the late █
█ naval record pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your father's naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 18 May 2022. The names and votes of the panel members will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error or injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of the Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of father's naval record, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

Your father enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty on 16 July 1940. During the period from 29 October 1940 to 29 May 1942, your father served aboard the USS █. On 5 July 1946, your father was discharged with an honorable (HON) characterization of service at the expiration of his enlistment.

The Board carefully reviewed your application and weighed all potentially mitigating factors including your contention that your father should receive a Purple Heart Medal because he was injured while actively serving at █ during the attack on 7 December 1941. You further contend that your father never talked about his military service and you were unaware of this incident until you found a newspaper article verifying his injury. The Board noted there is no evidence in your father's record that he was injured under circumstances that would qualify him for the Purple Heart Medal. Additionally, the Board noted that on 7 December 1941, the USS █ was moored at █ in the █ and not at █.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken at this time. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the 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,

6/9/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: █