



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 4102-22
Ref: Signature date

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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your 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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 29 August 2022. The names and votes of the panel members will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and 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 your naval record, an advisory opinion (AO) provided by the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM) dated 15 August 2022, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

You enlisted in the Naval Reserves and began a period of active duty on 22 June 2007. From a period beginning on 13 June 2008 to 10 April 2009, you deployed to █ in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. On 10 April 2009, you were discharged with an Honorable characterization of service by reason of completion of required active duty service.

As part of the Board's review, the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals reviewed your request for entitlement of the NATO Non-Article V Medal and provided the Board with an AO on 15 August 2022. The AO indicates you supported a multi-national force in █ however, this information alone is insufficient to establish that you participated in operations eligible for the NATO Non-Article V Medal. Further, the AO found no additional information in your records supporting your participation in missions that qualified for the medal.

The Board carefully weighed all of the factors you presented to support your request for the NATO Non-Article V Medal. The Board noted your honorable and faithful service, however, upon review of the evidence provided, the Board concurred with NDBDM's AO and did not find

any evidence of an error or injustice that warrants your entitlement to the aforementioned award. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

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,

9/13/2022

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Executive Director

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