



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 7140-22

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █, █

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case Summary  
(3) Navy Personnel Command (NPC) PERS 3B Advisory Opinion (AO) dtd  
28 October 2022

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change to her naval record, specifically, to be awarded the Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Expeditionary Medals. Enclosures (1) and (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 9 November 2022 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, 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 interests of justice to waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active service on 9 June 1998. Petitioner was discharged, on 8 September 2002, with an Honorable character of service upon the completion of her active service.

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d. On 28 October 2022, Navy Personnel Command (NPC) PERS 3B completed a review of Petitioner's record which revealed she is not entitled to the Operation Enduring Freedom Medal or the Operation Enduring Freedom Expeditionary Medal. She is however entitled to the following awards: Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM).

e. Petitioner contends, she participated in Operation Nobel Eagle while aboard the [REDACTED], and in support of operations to [REDACTED]. Petitioner requests the addition of the Operation Enduring Freedom Medal and Operation Enduring Freedom Expeditionary Medal to her DD Form 214 to support her application to join her local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. Specifically, the Board concurred with recommendation of reference (b) and determined Petitioner's record should reflect she was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM), and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM).

However, based on a review of Petitioner's record, the Board also concluded that Petitioner is not eligible for the Operation Enduring Freedom Medal or the Operation Enduring Freedom Expeditionary Medal.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), to indicate her entitlement to the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM).

That no further changes be made to the 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

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corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

12/6/2022

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