



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7412-22
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER [REDACTED], USN
XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) SECNAV M-1650.1

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/ enclosures
(2) Service 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 award of the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) for his period of Vietnam Service. Enclosure (1) applies.
2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 January 2023, 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, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include reference (b).
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. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active service on 21 August 1959. On 10 September 1962, he transferred to Naval Reserve with an honorable character of service.
 - c. Per reference (b), the inclusive dates for issue of the NDSM included the period from 1 January 1961 to 14 August 1974.

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CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action in the form of relief.

The Board reviewed the application under the guidance provided in the references. In this regard, the Board noted that Petitioner's period of active service extended into the period for which issue of the NDSM was approved. Accordingly, the Board determined that it is in the interest of justice to grant the requested relief.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) indicating entitlement to the NDSM.

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

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.

1/26/2023

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]