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Docket No. 7431-22

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,
USN, XXX-XX-██████████ [CURRENTLY ██████████)

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary

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 the addition of The Unit Commendation Medal, and change to first name listed on his DD Form 214 to reflect the name on his birth certificate. Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 4 January 2023, 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.

b. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active service on 2 July 1970. Petitioner's enlistment contract reflects the first name ██████████." Petitioner completed his honorable period of active service on 17 June 1972. Upon his discharge, Petitioner was issued an Armed Forces of United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214) reflecting a first name of "██████████."

d. On 2 December 2015, Navy Personnel Command (NPC) PERS 312 conducted an Awards Review of Petitioner's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF). The record notes Petitioner is

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entitled to the Navy/USCG Unit Commendation Medal. The Navy/USCG Unit Commendation Medal is not annotated on Petitioner's DD Form 214.

e. Petitioner contends, his discharge document does not reflect the name on his birth certificate. Petitioner provides a copy of his [REDACTED] Certificate of Birth which reflects the name "[REDACTED]."

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. In light of the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) PERS 312-Awards Review dated 2 December 2015, the Board determined Petitioner is entitled to the addition of the Navy/USCG Unit Commendation Medal to his DD Form 214.

Additionally, the Board found that Petitioner's record incorrectly lists his first name as "[REDACTED]." The Board found it reasonable that the Petitioner desires to record the name in his military records as it is listed on his birth certificate. In this regard, the Board determined the evidence submitted by the Petitioner was a sufficiently compelling reason for adjustment of the name listed on his DD Form 214. In this regard, the Board determined Petitioner's first name on his DD Form 214 should reflect "[REDACTED]" vice "[REDACTED]."

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Former Member be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 17 June 1972, to indicate his first name as "[REDACTED]," along with his entitlement to the Navy/USCG Unit Commendation Medal.

No further changes be made to Former Member'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

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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.

1/24/2023

