



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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[REDACTED]  
Docket No. 7718-22

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],  
USNR, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

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), Petitioner is filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting addition of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM). Enclosure (2) applies.
2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 18 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 was commissioned as an Ensign on 11 October 1956. On 6 November 1956, Petitioner reported to [REDACTED] for duty. While Petitioner was assigned to the [REDACTED], the AFEM was awarded to the ship for the period of 17-29 September 1958.
  - d. On 21 July 1959, Petitioner was released from Active Duty and given an Honorable discharged.

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e. On 6 January 2023, the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM) completed a review of the Petitioner's record and provided an Advisory Opinion (AO) which determined the former member is entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM).

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board concurred with the AO and determined Petitioner is entitled to the AFEM based on his service onboard [REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), to indicate his entitlement to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

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.

1/31/2023

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]