



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No. 8588-22
Ref: Signature Date



Dear █

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 8 May 2023. 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 and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. Additionally, the Board reviewed an advisory opinion (AO) provided by Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM) dated 5 April 2023 along with your response to the AO.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 22 September 1955. On 6 July 1959, you were honorably discharged from the Navy by reason of released from active duty and transferred to the Naval Reserves. On 7 July 1959, you began a period of service with the Naval Reserves. On 21 September 1961, you were honorably discharged from the naval reserves by reason of expiration of enlistment.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations. These included, but were not limited to, your desire to be awarded the Navy Good Conduct Medal (NGCM), China Service Medal (CSM), Vietnam Service Medal (VSM), and the Cold War Certificate of Recognition (CWCR). However, the Board found that you only met the basic criteria for the CWCR; an award which the Board does not have the authority to issue. In

making this finding, the Board concurred with the AO and found no inaccuracies with your record. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board commends your honorable and faithful service in the Navy and regrets not being able to grant relief in your case. Regarding the CWCR, as noted in the AO, you are required to apply for the certificate through the Department of the Army. Therefore, the Board recommends that you apply for the CWCR certificate through the Department of the Army's link of <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Cold%20War%20Recognition%20Certificate%20Program>.

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,

5/26/2023

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Executive Director

Signed by: █