



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8807-22

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER [REDACTED]
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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with enclosures
(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), stating his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, generally referred to as "DD Form 214" does not document his Combat Action Ribbon (CAR), Presidential Unit Citation (PUC), Navy Unit Citation (NUC), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color w/Palm), and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit (Civil Actions Medal, First Class Color w/Palm).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 June 2023, and, pursuant to its regulations, determined the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof.

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 duty on 6 November 1968, which he completed honorably on 18 May 1970. During his enlistment, Petitioner served aboard [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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d. Petitioner asserts his record does not reflect his Combat Action Ribbon (CAR), Presidential Unit Citation (PUC), Navy Unit Citation (NUC), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color w/Palm, and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit (Civil Actions Medal, First Class Color w/Palm).

e. As part of the Board's review, a Senior Analyst of Navy Personnel Command (NPC) reviewed Petitioner's request and provided the Board with an advisory opinion (AO). The AO concluded, "[t]he review revealed while SNV was attached to the [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] he is entitled to the CAR, PUC, Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC), Vietnam Service Medal w/ 3 Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color w/ Palm). No evidence was found to support entitlement to the NUC or Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit (Civil Actions First Class Color w/ Palm). The missing medals are considered an administrative oversight and can be corrected by this office."

f. Petitioner submitted a copy of his DD Form 214, documents from his official military personnel file (OMPF), and other award information for consideration.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting partial relief.

With regard to Petitioner's contention that his record reflect he was awarded the CAR, PUC, MUC, Vietnam Service Medal w/ 3 Bronze Stars, and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color w/ Palm), the Board concurred with the AO and determined his request warrants relief.

With regard to Petitioner's contention that his record reflect he was awarded the NUC or Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit (Civil Actions First Class Color w/ Palm), the Board also concurred with the AO and determined his request does not warrant relief.

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) indicating he was awarded the CAR, PUC, MUC, Vietnam Service Medal w/ 3 Bronze Stars, and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color w/ Palm).

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

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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.

6/7/2023

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