



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 318-23
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO FORMER MEMBER [REDACTED],
USN, [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) BUPERSINST 1900.2H

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Subject's naval record

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 that his naval record be corrected to include participation in Operation Frequent Wind on 29 April 1975 while onboard [REDACTED] on DD Form 214N, Report of Separation from Active Duty ending on 24 December 1975. Petitioner also requested the addition of five medals to this DD Form 214N.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 April 2023 and pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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 Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, found that, before applying to this Board, he exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:

a. Reference (b), provided instructions for the preparation and distribution of the DD Form 214N.

b. On 9 September 1972, Petitioner reported to the [REDACTED] for duty.

c. On 12 April 1975, evacuation of personnel from [REDACTED] was conducted by the United States military; [REDACTED] participated in Operation Eagle Pull for the evacuation of personnel from [REDACTED]

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- d. On 31 July 1975, Petitioner received performance marks while assigned to the [REDACTED] vessel reclassified from a Destroyer to [REDACTED]
- e. On 24 December 1975, Petitioner released from active duty and issued DD Form 214N; National Defense Service Medal was the only award listed.
- f. On 5 March 1978, Petitioner discharged from the Naval Reserve (Inactive).
- g. Petitioner enlisted in the Naval Reserve (Inactive) on 21 August 1983 and discharged on 20 August 1987.
- h. On 10 December 2008, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312D2) responded to Petitioner's inquiry via NP 1650/66, Entitlement to Military Awards Supplement indicating he "Did not serve with a unit/vessel awarded Expeditionary Medal (Frequent Wind/Vietnam)."
- i. On 11 May 2010, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312B) issued NAVPERS 1650/96, Transmittal of and/or Entitlement to Awards indicating Petitioner's authorization for the following medals: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Eagle Pull); Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon; Navy "E" Ribbon; Humanitarian Service Medal; and Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded that reference (b) did not authorize unit operations to be entered on the DD Form 214N. However, the policy directed that Block 26 would contain "all decorations, medals, badges, commendations, citations, and campaign ribbons awarded or authorized during the current tour of active duty. No authorities will be cited." The policy further specified, "Where the member is entitled to either the Navy Expeditionary Medal, add the area of operations, in parentheses, after the name of the medal, e.g., "Navy Expeditionary Medal (Cuba)" or "Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam)."

Therefore, the Board felt, under these circumstances, partial relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner's naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that:

Petitioner's DD Form 214N, Report of Separation from Active Duty ending on 24 December 1975 is amended to reflect the addition of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Cambodia); and the remaining awards listed on Petitioner's NAVPERS 1650/96, Transmittal of and/or Entitlement to Awards of 11 May 2010 after verifying the periods of service occurred on or before 24 December 1975. Note: Navy Personnel Command will issue a DD Form 215 or a new DD Form 214 whichever one they deem appropriate.

The part of Petitioner's request for corrective action that exceeds the foregoing is denied in accordance with reference (b) and NP 1650/66, Entitlement to Military Awards Supplement

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indicating Petitioner did not serve with a unit/vessel awarded Expeditionary Medal (Frequent Wind/Vietnam).

A copy of this Report of Proceedings will 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 Regulations, 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 the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

4/27/2023

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Deputy Director

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