



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

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Docket No. 3377-23
Ref: Signature Date

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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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 31 October 2023. The names and votes of the members of the panel 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 this 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion by Navy Personnel Command memorandum ██████████ of 6 October 2023, and your response to the opinion.

You requested your DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty dated 2 August 1993 be corrected to reflect advancement to Hospital Corpsman Third Class (HM3)/E-4, the Korea Defense Service Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, the Board concluded you did not meet the criteria for any part of your request in accordance with Navy policies. Specifically, Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1430.16D stipulated frocking does not change the permanent status of a member nor authorize pay of entitlements governed by statute or regulation and is subject to restrictions outlined in the policy. Secretary of the Navy Instruction (SECNAVINST) 1650.1H indicates the eligibility requirements for the Korea Defense Service Medal is for a service member to have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility (AOE) and have been physically deployed in the AOE for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days. Additionally, SECNAVINST 1650.1H stipulates active duty personnel are required to complete 12 months of consecutive or accumulated duty at an overseas shore based duty station to be eligible for the Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon; of which, not more than 14 days of service time may be waived.

