

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 4714-23 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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 10 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 PERS-312 of 27 July 2023, which was previously provided to you. You were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, but did not do so.

You requested to show 20 continuous years and add war zone campaign information to your DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty ending on 31 May 2002. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board concluded that Bureau of Naval Personnel Instruction 1900.8 provides the instructions for the issuance and preparation of the DD Form 214. Specifically, the date entered in block 12a of the DD Form 214 "shall be the date of enlistment for the earliest period of continuous active service for which a DD Form 214 was not previously issued." Additionally, the aforementioned policy stipulates "[f]or a service member ordered to active duty in time of National emergency or war, enter in block 18 the actual date of deployments into the theater of operations, e.g., "In Desert Storm from 910117 to 910215."

A review of your record indicates you were issued a DD Form 214 for active service from 25 May 1982 to 26 November 1985, 27 November 1985 to 7 January 1988 and 8 January 1988 to 31 May 2002. Your record also shows that you deployed to from 6 December 1990 to 18 December 1990 and from 19 December 1990 to 14 June 1991 in support of

Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Your DD Form 214 ending on 31 May 2022 reflects you were awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal w/2 bronze stars, the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), and the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).

The Board determined you were issued three DD Form 214s totaling 20 years and 7 days of active duty service. Furthermore, you were on continuous active duty and not a reserve ordered to active duty. Therefore, the Board determined that a change to your record is not warranted.

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,

