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Docket No. 5424-23

Ref: Signature Date

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

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary
(3) Advisory opinion of 7 August 2023

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former member of the Marine Corps, filed enclosure (1) stating his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) does not document "at least one Presidential Unit Citation, one Navy Unit Citation, and one Army Commendation." Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 18 September 2023, and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered enclosure (3), an advisory opinion (AO) from Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps (MMMA-3A).

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 Marine Corps and began a period of active service on 29 November 1965, which he completed honorably on 17 September 1968.

d. The Petitioner's DD Form 214 currently reflects: National Defense Service Medal, RVN Campaign Medal with device, Vietnamese Service medal with 2*.

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e. As part of the Board's review, the Board considered enclosure (3). The AO states in pertinent part:

A review of [REDACTED] official military records revealed that he is entitled to the following awards, which are listed in order of precedence: Presidential Unit Citation with one bronze star, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one silver campaign star, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with palm and frame) ribbon bar, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Action Color with palm and frame) ribbon bar, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, Rifle Marksman Badge.

The AO concluded, "this Headquarters has concluded that [REDACTED] is entitled to the awards listed."

CONCLUSION

Upon careful review and consideration of all of the evidence of record, the Board determined that Petitioner's request warrants relief. In making its findings, the Board heavily relied on and concurred with the AO.

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), indicating the additional awards to which he is entitled: Presidential Unit Citation with one bronze star, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Color with palm and frame), Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Civil Action Color with palm and frame), and Rifle Marksman Badge.

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

That a copy of this report of proceedings 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 Regulation, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing

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corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

9/25/2023

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]