



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 6134-23

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █, █,
USN, XXX-XX █

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552
(b) SECNAVINST 1650.1H

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting addition of the following awards to his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214): Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/bronze star, Humanitarian Service Medal w/bronze star, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. He would also like to have an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal/w bronze star exchanged for a Vietnam Service Medal w/bronze star. Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 18 September 2023, and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 his naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, policies.

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 active duty on 26 September 1972. On 25 September 1975, he was released from active duty and transferred to the Naval Reserve.

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At the time of his transfer he was issued a Report of Separation from Active Duty indicating his entitlement to the National Defense Service Medal.

d. During Petitioner's active duty service, he participated in both Operations Frequent Wind and Eagle Pull, for which he was authorized the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star.

e. On 20 February 1997, Bureau of Naval Personnel Retired Records Section (PERS 313E) correspondence to a member of congress determined Petitioner is entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Humanitarian Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

f. Petitioner contends that: (1) several awards and medals are not recognized on his DD Form 214 and he would like them added, (2) he would like to have an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/1 bronze star exchanged for a Vietnam Service Medal w/1 bronze star, and (3) he should be awarded an additional Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for his service in [REDACTED].

g. Petitioner submitted official military personnel files, congressional and Naval Personnel Records correspondence and Wikipedia Vietnam Service Medal documents for consideration.

h. Per reference (b), individuals who participated in Operation Frequent Wind may elect the Vietnam Service Medal in lieu of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board relied heavily on the correspondence from PERS 313E dated 20 February 1997 and Reference (b). In light of the aforementioned, the Board determined the Petitioner is entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal w/1 bronze star, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 bronze star, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

The Board further noted the National Defense Service Medal is listed on his original DD Form 214.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) adding the following awards: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 bronze star, Humanitarian Service Medal w/1 bronze star, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

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No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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

10/5/2023

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]