



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 8273-23  
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

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

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), correction of the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) currently abbreviated as "NESM," and addition of the following awards to his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214): Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with 1 bronze star), and Humanitarian Service Medal. Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 4 December 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 his naval service records, 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, 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. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and completed a period of Honorable active duty from 19 July 1971 to 26 June 1975.

c. On 6 June 2017, Bureau of Naval Personnel Command Records Analysis Branch (PERS 312) determined Petitioner is entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with 1 bronze star), and Humanitarian Service Medal.

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CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board relied heavily on correspondence from PERS 312, dated 6 June 2017, to determine Petitioner is entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with 1 bronze star), and Humanitarian Service Medal. Lastly, the Board noted the National Defense Service Medal is incorrectly abbreviated on his DD Form 214.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petitioner be issued a correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) to indicate his entitlement to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (with 1 bronze star), and Humanitarian Service Medal.

That the abbreviation of his National Defense Service Medal be change to indicate "NDSM."

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 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 reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

12/15/2023

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