



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 9480-23

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 1650.1
(c) Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM) – APPROVED OPERATIONS

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

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) requesting he be issued the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (SSDR), and that his DD Form 214 be corrected to include both the SSDR and the Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM).
2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 19 January 2024, 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, to include references (b) and (c).
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 a period of active service on 23 January 1975. Beginning on 20 January 1976, Petitioner was attached to the █. While he remained attached, between 1 January 1977 and 31 December 1977, █, completed an eight-month █ deployment. On 22 January 1979, Petitioner extended his enlistment while on board. Thereafter, between 19 and 25 February 1979, █ participated in an HMS approved operation, listed on reference (c) as "█." On 21 January 1980, he

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was released from the [REDACTED] and, on 22 January 1980, he was released from active duty and transferred to the Naval Reserve (inactive). He was Honorably discharged on 22 January 1981.

d. Petitioner contends: (1) his DD Form 214 should reflect the HMS, which was mailed to him after discharge but does not appear on his DD Form 214, and (2) that he was eligible for, and should have received, the SSDR.

e. Petitioner submitted a letter explaining his efforts and his DD Form 214, Humanitarian Service Medal – Approved Operations (2021), correspondence with BCNR, his shipmate’s DD Form 214, correspondence with the National Personnel Records Center, correspondence with My Navy Career Center, correspondence with Navy Personnel Command, and his original DD Form 149.

CONCLUSION

Upon careful review and consideration of all of the evidence of record, the Board determined that Petitioner’s request warrants relief. Specifically, the Board found Petitioner’s service meets the requirements under the references for issuance of both the SSDR and HSM.

RECOMMENDATION

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

That Petitioner be issued both the SSDR and a “Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty” (DD Form 215), for the period ending 22 January 1980, documenting that he earned both the SSDR and HSM.

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.

2/12/2024

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