



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 9813-23
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO FORMER MEMBER ██████████
XXX XX ██████████ USMC

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) MCO P1900.16C
(c) SECNAVINST 1650.1H

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachment
(2) Subject's naval record

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), requesting that his naval record be corrected by adding his Foreign Service Tours to his DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty ending on 22 October 1984.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 28 November 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 Petitioner's naval record, 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, found that, before applying to this Board, he exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:

a. Petitioner participated in Operation ██████████, ██████████ of ██████████ and ██████████ from 25 October through 2 November 1983. And also participated in Security Operation of Noncombatants from ██████████ and ██████████, ██████████ from 17 November 1983 through 26 February 1984, while a member of the ██████████

b. On 22 October 1984, Petitioner discharged and issued DD Form 214 that listed receipt of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, but failed to outline the area of operations for both medals.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following partial corrective action. In this regard, the Board noted that

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Petitioner was not permanently stationed overseas and was on deployment with the [REDACTED] and his deployment time is properly captured on his DD Form 214, Block 12.g (Sea Service) in accordance with reference (b). Additionally, the Board noted that Petitioner's Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal are incorrectly listed on his DD Form 214 in accordance with reference (b).¹ Therefore, the Board determined that under these circumstances, partial relief is warranted.

Additionally, the Board determined that the part of Petitioner's request for corrective action that exceeds the foregoing is denied. Specifically, Petitioner requested that his "Foreign Service Tours" be added to his DD Form 214 to reflect an accurate account of his service, as well as assist him with filing his Veterans Affairs disability claim. In this regard, the Board noted that the DD Form 214 is not the proper form to capture service tours in accordance with reference (b), and such items would be captured in the Petitioner's naval record.

RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner's naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that:

Petitioner's DD Form 214 ending on 22 October 1984 is amended to reflect: Block 13 "Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal ([REDACTED])" vice "Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal" and "Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal ([REDACTED])" vice "Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal." Note: Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps will issue a DD Form 215 or a new DD Form 214, whichever one they deem appropriate.

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's naval 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 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 the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

12/5/2023

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¹ Reference (b), campaign or expeditionary medals, include the area of operations.