



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 11938-11

5 November 2012

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

Subj: [REDACTED]
REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

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

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that his naval record be corrected to show that His disability is combat-related.

2. The Board, consisting of Messrs. Chapman, Midboe and Silberman reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 25 October 2012 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, naval 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 was discharged by reason of physical disability on 19 September 2011 due to a disability that was not considered combat related. On 14 October 2011, the Judge Advocate General reversed that determination, and held that Petitioner's disability is combat-related.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in view of the action of the Judge Advocate General in this case, it would be in the interest of justice to grant Petitioner's request.


RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that on 19 September 2011, he was discharged by reason of physical disability that was a direct result of armed conflict and therefore is combat-related as defined by 26 U.S.C. 104(b)(3).

b. That a copy of this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.


4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) 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.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder



JAMES R. EXNICIOS
Acting Recorder

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.



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