



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 6317-17

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO FORMER MEMBER [REDACTED]
USN [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) NPC memo 1070 PERS-312 dtd 22 Sep 17
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his naval record be corrected by adding the World War II Occupation Medal to which he is entitled to his NAVPERS 553. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 3 October 2017 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 your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your 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, 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 waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.

c. In correspondence attached as enclosure (2), the office having cognizance over the subject matter addressed in Petitioner's application has commented that the request has merit and warrants favorable action.

d. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 16 March 1945. He was discharged with an honorable characterization of service on 1 August 1946.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action. In this regard, the Board concludes that the addition of award should be corrected in Petitioner's record.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an error or injustice warranting the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Correction to DD214 be issued, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) which reflects the addition of the World War II Occupation Medal.

A copy of this Report of Proceedings will be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

That upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received on 25 July 2017.

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.

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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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Executive Director