



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

Docket No. 6494-17

DEC 04 2017

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

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

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Subject's naval record (excerpts)  
(4) NDBDM/PERS-312 ltr dtd 18 Oct 17

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the reference, Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his record accurately reflect medals and awards that he earned during his periods of military service.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 6 November 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 Petitioner's application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion (AO) provided by the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM).

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. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 7 January 1944. He was discharged with an honorable characterization of service on 14 April 1946. His active duty service included his participation in World War II. His NAVPERS 553 issued on 14 April 1946 reflects that he earned the American Area Ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Area Ribbon with 3 stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

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d. The AO in enclosure (4) provided by NDBDM advised that Petitioner is entitled to the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia Clasp, the National Defense Service Ribbon, and the Korean Service Medal with Silver Star.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants relief. In this regard, the Board substantially concurred with the AO and concluded that during his period of service, Petitioner earned the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia Clasp in addition to the medals and awards already documented on his NAVPERS 553.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Petitioner be issued a DD Form 215 to correct Block 34 of his NAVPERS 553 issued on 14 April 1946, by adding the China Service Medal (Extended), the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia Clasp.

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Subject's naval record.

That, upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received by the Board on 1 August 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.

[REDACTED]

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