



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 6539-17
JAN 03 2018

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER [REDACTED] USNR,
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) NPC memo 1070 PERS-312 dtd 18 Oct 17

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, the next of kin of a deceased former enlisted sailor, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) be corrected to reflect [REDACTED] in block 24 and add receipt of the Presidential Unit Citation. Enclosure (1) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 31 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 the enclosures, relevant portions of naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion (AO) provided by Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312) dated 18 October 2017.

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. In correspondence attached as enclosure (2), the office having cognizance over the subject matter addressed in Petitioner's application has commented to the effect that Petitioner is eligible for the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation and the Combat Action Ribbon. Additionally, the AO stated block 24 of the DD Form 214 should be listed as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action.

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The Board notes it is in the interest of justice to issue Petitioner the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation and the Combat Action Ribbon and to add the awards to his DD Form 214. Additionally, the Board finds it is in the interest of justice to correct the error in block 24 of Petitioner's DD Form 214.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Petitioner be issued a DD Form 215, Correction of DD 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty indicating the issuance of the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation and the Combat Action Ribbon and correcting block 24 to read [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

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 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.

[REDACTED]
Executive Director