



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 6687-17  
DEC 11 2017

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

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

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 (NR20170006687)  
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change to his Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service (NAVPERS 553) to include the addition of Combat Aircrew Insignia. Enclosure (2).
2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 1 September 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 his naval service 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. 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 began a period of active duty service in the Navy on 26 February 1944, and served honorably until his discharge on 4 December 1947.
  - d. On 28 April 1945, Commanding Officer, United States Pacific Fleet Air Force [REDACTED] granted Petitioner the authority to wear the Aircrew Insignia with NO stars.

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e. On 14 September 1945, while assigned to [REDACTED] Petitioner received documentation that reflects both his assignment to [REDACTED] and his entitlement to Combat Aircrew Insignia (no stars), American Area Ribbon (no stars), and Asiatic-Pacific Area Ribbon (no stars).

f. The Board considered Petitioner's request and determined that the information he provided in support of his application combined with the evidence of the record merits a change to his NAVPERS 553 to reflect the Combat Aircrew Insignia that he earned in 1945.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the 28 April 1945 grant of authority by Petitioner's Commanding Officer and documentation in his record certifying Petitioner's entitlement to Combat Aircrew Insignia, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants full relief.

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

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to indicate entitlement to the Combat Aircrew Insignia (no stars).

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

That, upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received by the Board on 8 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