



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No. 10270-23  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,  
USN, ██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Advisory Opinion of 31 January 2024

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that he be awarded the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) and the Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM). Petitioner also requests the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) and Joint Service Commendation Medal (JSCM) be annotated on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Petitioner also requests his active duty start date on his DD Form 214 be corrected.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 17 June 2024 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered enclosure (3), an advisory opinion (AO) from Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312). Although Petitioner was provided an opportunity to respond to the AO, he chose not to do so.

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 review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve for Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School and began a period of active duty on 26 October 1984. After completion of Naval Aviation

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Officer Candidate School, Petitioner was discharged on 21 March 1985 and commissioned as an officer. He commenced another period of active duty on 22 March 1985.

d. Petitioner was awarded the JSCM, on 29 March 2004, and the DMSM, on 27 October 2004, by the Director, Defense Contract Management Agency.

e. On 31 October 2004, Petitioner was honorably discharged.

f. In light of the Petitioner's request, the Board requested enclosure (3). The AO stated in pertinent part:

In response to reference (a), request correction to CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY (DD 214) issued 10/31/2004 to reflect correct Date Entered AD This Period (Block 12a), add the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (DMSM), Joint Service Commendation Medal (JSCM), Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM) and include provided DMSM to OMPF.

A complete review of Subject Named Officer's (SNO) Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), Navy Department Awards Web Service (NDAWS) and the document provided was conducted. The review revealed SNO's OMPF contain three DD214's. DD214 dated 11/8/1989 and 10/31/2004 dates overlap. SNO's DD214 dated 10/31/2004 Block 12a should reflect 11/9/1989, Block 12c 14years, 11 months, 22 days and Block 12d. 05 years 00 months 13 days. A combination of the periods of service in blocks 12c and 12d provides total service.

The review further revealed the JSCM is reflected on SNO's DD214 dated 10/31/2004. SNO is entitled to the GWOT Service Medal (GWOTSM). DMSM is not reflected in SNO OMPF or NDAWS. Personal Military Decoration (PMD) awarded from activities outside the Department of Navy, while on temporary assignment, must be vetted by CNO Awards Branch. Once approved by CNO Awards Branch, an entry is made to NDAWS and SNM OMPF. Recommend SNM contact Chief, OSD Awards Branch, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Suite 2D523, Washington, DC 20301, WHS Human Resources Directorate, Military Personnel Division. In addition, service members with qualifying service in Iraq between 19 March 2003 and 30 April 2005 have the option of electing either the Global War on Terrorism Expedition Medal (GWOTEM) or the ICM. Individuals are not eligible for both medals for the same period.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. Specifically, the Board's review revealed Petitioner's DD Form 214, dated 31 October 2004, has an incorrect start date that necessitates multiple corrections to block 12. Notably, this DD Form 214 overlaps with his previous DD Form 214 that ends on

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8 November 1989. Further, the Board agreed with the AO that the Petitioner is entitled to the GWOT and ICM. While service members must normally chose between the GWOTEM or ICM, the Board determined Petitioner's desire was to choose the ICM based on his application to have the ICM reflected on his DD Form 214.

Notwithstanding the recommended corrective action below, the Board found that there is no error or injustice of his start time on active duty and his DD Form 214 ending on 8 November 1989 accurately reflects his start date as a commissioned officer. Additionally, the Board concluded that the JSCM is reflected on his DD Form 214 dated 31 October 2004.

Finally, the board concurred with the AO and conclude that the Petitioner did not exhaust all administrative means to correct his record to accurately reflect his DMSM. The AO provided guidance on how the Petitioner needs to get the DMSM in his OMPF and NDAWS. The Board concluded that once that has been exhausted, he should reapply if needed.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Navy Personnel Command review Petitioner's record and issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 31 October 2004, that accurately documents blocks 12a, 12c, and 12d, and his entitlement to Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) and Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM) in block 13.

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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

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.

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.

7/12/2024

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