



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 0014-24

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, XXX-XX-█

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting addition of the following awards to her husband's record: Combat Action Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal (with Fleet clasp), Purple Heart, and any applicable personal awards. Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 22 July 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, 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 review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner is service member's (SM's) spouse. SM enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 10 December 1941.

d. On 18 January 1942, SM reported for duty onboard █. Five days later, █ was sunk by a Japanese submarine off the coast of █.

e. SM was subsequently reassigned and, after completing a period of Honorable service, was discharged on 24 November 1945.

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f. Upon his discharge, SM was issued a Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service (NAVPERS-553), currently known as Certificate or Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), indicating the following award: Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal.

g. On 8 July 2024, Navy Personnel Command PERS-312 completed a review of the SM's records and determined that he was entitled to the Combat Action Ribbon. However, the review determined there was insufficient evidence to support the awarding of a Purple Heart.

h. Petitioner contends SM received injuries during the sinking of [REDACTED] and is entitled to the Combat Action Ribbon, American Defense Service Medal (with fleet clasp), Purple Heart, and any applicable personal awards.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants partial relief.

The Board concurred with the Navy Personnel Command/PERS-312 Advisory Opinion (AO) dated 8 July 2024. In light of the PERS-312 AO, the Board determined, in addition to the award already noted on his separation document, SM is also entitled to the Combat Action Ribbon. However, the Board agreed that SM is entitled to no other awards.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), indicating the addition of the Combat Action Ribbon.

No further changes be made to SM's record.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in SM'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.

8/5/2024

