



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

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Docket No. 0045-24
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your father's naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your father's naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 22 April 2024. The names and votes of the panel members will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of the Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your father's naval record, an advisory opinion (AO) provided by Navy Personnel Command (PERS-3B), dated 5 April 2024, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

Your father enlisted in the Naval Reserves and began a period of active duty on 30 November 1942. On 29 June 1945, your father was honorably discharged from the Naval Reserves.

The Board carefully weighed all factors in your father's case, including your desire for your father to be awarded the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one invasion arrowhead device. The Board considered your assertions that your father served during World War II, specifically as a medic during the landings in █.

The Navy Personnel Command AO documents that a complete review of your father's Official Personnel Record (OMPF) was completed. The AO reveals that your father did not meet eligibility requirements for the Navy Good Conduct Medal; however, he earned the Combat Action Ribbon, American Campaign Medal with 1 bronze campaign star, World War II Victory Medal, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. Based on their review, a DD

Form 215 was issued by Navy Personnel Command annotating the missing awards. Upon review of the evidence provided, the Board concurred with the Navy Personnel Command AO that no additional awards are warranted. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board greatly appreciates your father's Honorable and faithful service in the Naval Reserves during a time of war. The Board hopes the awards identified by the Navy and added to his record assists you in your endeavors to appropriately recognize his outstanding service to this country.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

5/14/2024

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Executive Director

Signed by: █