



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

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Docket No. 0234-24
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your 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 26 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 naval record, an advisory opinion (AO) provided by Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM) dated 11 April 2024, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active service on 2 December 1975. You were honorably discharged on 1 December 1980.

On 10 April 2024, you were issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) with addition of the following awards: Navy Unit commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy "E" Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal (First Award), and Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

The Board carefully weighed all of the factors you presented to support your request to be awarded the Cold War Medal and United Nations Military Service Medal. Ultimately, the Board concurred with the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM) Advisory Opinion (AO) that you are not entitled to the Cold War Medal and United Nations Service Medal; specifically because the Cold War Medal does not exist and the Navy is not authorized to issue the United Nations Service Medal. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances,

the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board thanks you for your Honorable and faithful 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,

5/19/2024

