



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 1845-24
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 National Defense Service Medal (NDSM). Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 22 March 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, 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 enlisted in the Naval Reserves and began a period of active duty on 28 September 1959. Petitioner was discharged with an Honorable character of service on 30 September 1961.

d. Upon his discharge, Petitioner was issued an Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214). Block 26 of his DD Form 214 reflects Petitioner was not entitled to any awards.

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e. The NDSM was authorized for active service during the period of 1 January 1961 to 14 August 1974.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined that Petitioner is authorized the NDSM as he served on active duty during an authorized eligibility period.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 215), for the period ending on 30 September 1961, which indicates the addition of the following award: NDSM.

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.

4/14/2024

