



Lebanon, (2) you were treated for your wounds by a corpsman who administered wound dressing on your left leg, and (3) you never saw the corpsman again and was not aware if the corpsman filed a report of medical treatment that was provided to you on the battlefield. You assert that there was not a medical triage, which is why you were treated for your wounds by a corpsman.

As part of the Board's review, the Board noted Headquarters Marine Corps, Military Awards Branch decision letter dated 15 October 2020, which stated in pertinent part:

For the award of the PH Medal there exist circumstantial and severity thresholds that must both be met. First, the sound must have resulted from enemy action. Second, the wound must have been of such severity that it necessitated treatment, not merely examination, by a medical officer. Medical Officer is defined in law and regulations as a military physician of officer rank. If the wound does not meet both thresholds, the PH may not be awarded. Verification of entitlement must be made by entries in official military service and medical records and/or casualty reports.

After a detailed review of your record, the Board determined that your official military personnel file (OMPF) does not provide the necessary evidence to substantiate your request for the PH Medal. In making this finding, the Board substantially concurred with the multiple reviews conducted by the Navy and Marine Corps that document the lack of supporting evidence in your record to grant your request and noted that you were informed of alternative methods for substantiating your eligibility for the PH. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board appreciates your faithful and Honorable 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,

5/1/2024

