



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 3977-24
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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
(b) SECNAVINST 1650.1 Series

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/ enclosures

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) requesting correction of his grandfather's discharge records to add missing awards and issuance of any medals not already issued. Enclosure (1) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 29 April 2024, and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's grandfather's naval record, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include reference (b).

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. Although Petitioner's 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 the case on its merits.

b. Petitioner's grandfather enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 22 April 1952. He reported for duty aboard the ██████████ on 30 September 1952 and served 18 months of sea duty.

c. Petitioner's grandfather then transferred to the ██████████. He was assigned to ██████████, on 1 July 1954, and remained with that unit until 3 November 1955, when he transferred to the ██████████. He served with ██████████ until his discharge from active duty into the Naval Reserve on 27 February 1956. Of

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note, he was not eligible for the Good Conduct Medal during his first period of active duty enlistment due to a nonjudicial punishment for a minor offense. At that time of his discharge from active duty, Petitioner's grandfather's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) documented his entitlement to the United Nations Service Medal (UNSM), the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM), and the Korean Service Medal (KSM).

d. Petitioner's grandfather returned to active duty on 4 December 1957 and submitted a request to be issued certain awards for which he was eligible during his first period of enlistment. On 10 April 1959, a Naval letter from the Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) confirmed Petitioner's grandfather's entitlement to the UNSM, NDSM, and KSM, and directed the issuance of said awards, which Petitioner's grandfather's records indicate were issued. No further awards were added to the final DD Form 214 at the time of the grandfather's final discharge from active duty and transfer into the Reserve on 19 May 1959.

e. Petitioner contends that his grandfather qualifies for the additional awards of the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Europe or Asia Clasp, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and the Korea War Service Medal. He inquired whether his grandfather may also be eligible for a Combat Action Ribbon. In support of his contentions, he submitted records verifying the relationship between Petitioner and his grandfather, and a NAVPERS 1650 form documenting Petitioner's grandfather's eligibility for awards from his periods of active service.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board reviewed his application under the guidance provided in reference (b) and found that the NAVPERS 1650 transmittal of the review of Petitioner's grandfather's OMPF and entitlement to awards was sufficiently reliable and consistent with the Board's own review of the OMPF records. Therefore, the Board concluded that Petitioner's grandfather's discharge records did not document the entirety of the service and unit awards to which he was entitled as of his discharge on 19 May 1959. Accordingly, the Board determined that it is in the interest of justice to grant the requested relief with respect to the awards to which Petitioner's grandfather has been identified as eligible, consistent with those documented in the NAVPERS 1650.

Regarding Petitioner's request for a review of his grandfather's eligibility for a CAR, the Board determined the recommended corrective action would encompass his request.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the subject former service member be issued a Correction to Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), correcting both of his previously issued DD Form 214 discharge records, to document all of the awards to which the service member was entitled by virtue of his periods of service from 22 April 1952 to 27 February 1956 and from 4 December

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1957 to 19 May 1959.

That the service member be issued appropriate decorations for any medals or awards which have not previously been issued.

That no further changes be made to the service member's record.

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.

5/21/2024

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]