

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER [REDACTED],
USN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

d. On 14 July 1954, SNM completed his enlistment with an Honorable characterization of service and issued a Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 214).

e. As part of the Board's review, Navy Personnel Command (NPC) (PERS-312/SA) provided the Board with enclosure (3), an AO. The AO stated in pertinent part:

The review revealed the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) earned the Navy Unit Commendation while SNM was on board. SNM also earned the Air Medal and entitled to 5 engagement stars for the Korean Service Medal, which is not reflected on SNM's DD 214. Recommend approval on the addition of the Navy Unit Commendation, Air Medal, and Korean Service Medal (w/ 5 engagement stars). No evidence found for SNM's eligibility of Navy Good Conduct Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, or the Combat Action Ribbon.

f. The Petitioner asserts that SNM participated in aircraft recovery on the flight deck of the [REDACTED] during combat operations and many of these awards did not get an official administrative release with qualifications, instructions, etc. until after the Petitioner was separated from the service.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants partial relief.

The Board carefully reviewed Petitioner's application, weighed all potentially mitigating factors, and concluded that Petitioner shall be awarded the Navy Unit Commendation, Air Medal and Korean Service Medal (w/5 engagement stars).

In making this determination, the Board concurred with the AO that there was no supporting evidence in SNM's record that he earned a Good Conduct Medal¹, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, or the Combat Action Ribbon.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action:

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) documenting his receipt of the following awards:

- (1) Navy Unit Commendation
- (2) Air Medal
- (3) Korean Service Medal (w/5 engagement stars).

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

¹ The Board noted that SNM was ineligible for the Good Conduct Medal based on his SCM.

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That 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 Regulations, 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.

12/2/2024

