



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 5568-24  
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear ██████████

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 21 August 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

You enlisted in the U.S. Navy and entered active duty on 14 September 1979. On 10 August 1982, while stationed onboard ██████████ (██████████) you qualified in Submarines and assigned the "SS" designator. After a period of Honorable service, you were transferred to the Naval Reserve on 13 September 1983.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case. These included, but were not limited to, your desire for the Submarine Deterrent Patrol Insignia be added to your DD Form 214 and your contention that you served two years, two months and seventeen days onboard ██████████ ██████████ (██████████) and ██████████ (██████████). For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, the Board considered the evidence you provided in support of your application.

After thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board noted that, although the record reflects your service on the two SSBNs, there is no documentation to show that you were authorized to wear Submarine Deterrent Patrol Insignia. Furthermore, the Board noted the applicable instruction and regulation state that to qualify for authorization to wear the insignia your commands would have had completed specific patrols. The Board observed that your record does not reflect such patrols and you have not provided supporting documentation to overcome the presumption of regularity in your case. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board thanks you for your faithful and selfless 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,

9/16/2024

