



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 6483-24

Ref: Signature date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

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USN █

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals advisory opinion of 20 Aug 2024

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting addition of Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM), the Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC), and the Navy Good Conduct Medal (NGCM). Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 9 September 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, policies. In addition, the Board considered enclosure (3), an advisory opinion (AO) that was considered favorably toward Petitioner.

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 Navy and began a period of active duty on 30 August 1962. On 26 July 1963, Petitioner reported for duty onboard the █. On 19 February 1964, Petitioner was transferred from the █ to the █. On 2 May 1964, Petitioner reported onboard the █. On 25 August 1966, Petitioner was honorably discharged from the Navy by reason of released from active duty and

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transferred to the Navy Reserves. Upon his discharge, Petitioner was issued an Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214) indicating the following awards: the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

d. On 23 July 2024, the Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312) issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) to the Petitioner authorizing the following awards: MUC, National Defense Service Medal, AFEM, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

e. On 20 August 2024, the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM) completed a review of the Petitioner's records and issued enclosure (3). The AO determined Petitioner was entitled to the AFEM and MUC. However, it noted that a correction to his record was already made by Navy Personnel Command.

f. Petitioner contends he is entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service aboard the [REDACTED] from 5 September 1963 to 13 September 1963, the Meritorious Unit Commendation for his service aboard the [REDACTED] from 1 June 1966 to 1 December 1966, and the Navy Good Conduct Medal for service from August 1962 to August 1966.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, in regard to the Petitioner's request to be awarded the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the Board determined that, due to no fault of his, Petitioner failed to meet the established four years eligibility requirement by six days. Notwithstanding his failure to qualify based solely on his early discharge, after reviewing Petitioner's overall performance and conduct record, and purely in the interests of justice based on the unique circumstances of Petitioner's case, the Board determined an exception to policy was merited and granted his request for the Navy Good Conduct Medal.

Regarding Petitioner's request for the AFEM and MUC, the Board determined his request was moot based on the corrective action taken by Navy Personnel Command. Therefore, it took no action on these awards.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 215, for the period ending 25 August 1966, authorizing his entitlement to the Navy Good Conduct Medal.

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

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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.

9/30/2024

