



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 6676-24  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting the addition of the National Defense Service Medal on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 1 July 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.

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 9 August 1974. On 31 August 1980, Petitioner was honorably discharged by reason of fulfillment of service obligation. Upon his discharge from active duty, Petitioner was issued a DD form 214 with no awards listed on block 13. On 29 May 2024, Petitioner was issued a NAVPERS 1650/96 with his entitlement to the National Defense Service Medal.

d. Petitioner contends his National Defense Service Medal is missing from his DD Form 214.

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CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board relied on the NAVPERS 1650/96 issued by the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) which indicates that Petitioner is entitled to the National Defense Service Medal.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 31 August 1980, indicating his entitlement to the National Defense Service Medal.

No further changes be made to Petitioner'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.

7/23/2024

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