



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8792-24

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, █

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

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 that his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflect his current date of entry and the addition of the Somalia Medal. Enclosures (1) and (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 4 November 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 Former Member's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and 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 28 March 1988. On 3 March 1992, Petitioner was honorably discharged by reason of immediate reenlistment. On 4 March 1992, Petitioner began a second period of active duty. On 3 March 1995, Petitioner was honorably discharged by reason of completion of required active duty service. Based on Petitioner's existing DD Form 214 that documents his total prior active service, it appears Petitioner was issued a DD Form 214 to document his period of service from 28 March 1988 to 3 March 1992. However, the Board was unable to locate this DD Form 214 in his record.

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d. Petitioner contends this correction should be made because he served for a period of seven years in the Navy and not three years. Petitioner is also requesting the addition of the Somalia medal as he claims he was there serving our country.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. The Board notes Petitioner's record appears to be missing a DD Form 214 that covers his period of active duty from 28 March 1988 to 3 March 1992. Therefore, the Board determined it was in the interest of justice to change Petitioner's existing DD Form 214 to cover his entire period of active duty service with the Navy.

In regard to the Petitioner's request to be awarded the Somalia Medal, the Board was unable to find evidence to support his claim that he participated in Operation Restore Hope during the period of 5 December 1992 to 31 March 1995. Therefore, the Board concluded insufficient evidence of error or injustice exists to grant his request for the award.

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 3 March 1995, reflecting his date of entry as "28 March 1988." In addition, Commander, Navy Personnel Command is authorized to make any associated changes, as required via the DD Form 215, to correct the DD Form 214 resulting from the change to block 12a.

That no further changes be made to the record.

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record, along with the previously issued DD Form 214 and the corrected DD Form 214, which reflects Petitioner's correct social security number.

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.

11/26/2024

