



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 9447-24
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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 with attachments
(2) Case summary
(3) CO, ██████████, ██████████ ltr of 3 May 1962

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting addition of the Sailor of the Month (SOM), Navy Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon (NBMTHG), and the Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) on Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer of Discharge (DD Form 214). Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 16 December 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 15 February 1962. On 3 May 1962, Petitioner received enclosure (3); a Letter of Commendation for his outstanding performance of duty while undergoing recruit training. On 14 June 1966, Petitioner was discharged with an Honorable characterization of service by reason of released from active duty and transferred to the Navy Reserves.

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d. On 17 May 2024, the Navy Personnel Command (PERS-312) reviewed the Petitioner's record and concluded that there is no evidence within his Official Military Personnel File, NDAWS, or corporate personnel data systems of him being awarded the SOM, the NBMTHG ribbon, or the VSM. However, during their research, PERS-312 discovered that Petitioner is entitled to the Navy Good Conduct Medal (NGCM) and the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM). As a result of the foregoing, NPC issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) correcting this discrepancy and added these awards to his OMPF.

e. Petitioner contends some of his military involvement was not recorded on his DD Form 214. Petitioner claims he was awarded "Sailor of the Month" for his division while stationed at [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. Petitioner also felt that he should be awarded the Vietnam Service Medal for his time aboard the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]). Petitioner claims he received a letter from NPC stating that his request for such awards was denied; however, NPC determined that he was entitled to the Navy Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Petitioner asserts he received a commendation for the "highest weekly composite examination given in his company." Post discharge, Petitioner states he was employed with Teledyne Avionics in [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and worked on design some electronics for the F4. Petitioner states he studied at the [REDACTED] and received his BA in Electrical Engineering graduating with distinction.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. Specifically, the Board noted that Petitioner submitted enclosure (3); a Letter of Commendation which is not included in his OPMF.

Regarding Petitioner's request for the NGCM and NDSM, the Board relied heavily on the NPC decision document, dated 17 May 2024. In light of the NPC decision document, the Board determined that PERS-312 already granted relief to the Petitioner by issuing a DD Form 215 authorizing his entitlement to the NGCM and the NDSM.

Regarding Petitioner's request to be awarded the SOM, the NBMTHG ribbon, and the VSM, the Board concur with the NPC decision document which indicated that he is not entitled to such awards.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That enclosure (3), Petitioner's Letter of Commendation be added to his OMPF record.

That 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.

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