



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 9449-24

Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████

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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), 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) be corrected with the Korean Service Medal (KSM).

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 8 January 2025 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, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and commenced active duty on 28 July 1954. From 20 February 1955 to 8 March 1955, Petitioner participated in the Defense of UN positions of Korea. On 13 August 1957, Petitioner was discharged. His DD Form 214 reflects that he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM).

b. On 16 January 2024, Navy Personnel Command (PERS 312) provided a list of awards Petitioner was entitled. In addition to the NDSM, list included the KSM.

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CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief.

The Board determined it was in the interests of justice to properly document the awards earned while Petitioner was on active duty service. Therefore, the Board concluded the Navy shall issue a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) reflecting Petitioner's entitlement to the KSM.

RECOMMENDATION

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) correcting Block 26 to indicate his entitlement to the Korean Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

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.

1/20/2025

