



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 9509-24  
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear ██████████

This is in reference to your application for correction of your uncle's naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 13 January 2025. The names and votes of the panel members will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of the Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

Your enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 3 October 1983. On 24 September 1987, you were honorably discharged from the Navy at the end of your obligated service.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interests of justice warrant relief in your case. These included, but were not limited to, your desire for your participation in Operation Earnest Will to be added to you Certificate of Released or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).

After thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Unfortunately, the Board concluded there is no regulatory authority for adding participation in an individual combat operation on a DD Form 214. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board thanks you for your Honorable and faithful service to his country.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

2/5/2025

