



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 9972-24
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your 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 3 February 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, and an advisory opinion (AO) provided by Headquarters United States Marine Corps (MMPB-32); dated ██████████. Although you were provided an opportunity to respond to the AO, you chose not to do so.

Your enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 24 January 1967. On 7 April 1970, you were honorably discharged by reason of convenience of the government.

The Board carefully weighed all factors in your case, including your desire to be awarded a fifth Purple Heart Medal. The Board considered your assertions that your medical records contain supporting evidence in support of your request.

Based on your contention, the Board considered the AO. The AO explains the requirements to support the awarding of a Purple Heart Medal and states that there is no evidence that you were approved for a fifth Purple Heart Medal.

After thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. The Board concurred with the AO and found insufficient evidence of error or

injustice to support your request for an additional Purple Heart Medal. Should you have additional evidence that identifies another injury that qualifies for the Purple Heart Medal, the Board encourages you to provide it with another application to this Board. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board expressed its appreciation of your heroism and faithful service to this 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,

3/4/2025

