



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001  
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

Docket No. 10678-24  
Ref: Signature Date

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 case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 12 March 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. In addition, the Board considered an advisory opinion (AO) from Department of the Navy, Navy Personnel Command. Although you were offered an opportunity to respond to the AO, you chose not to do so.

You enlisted in the Navy and served on active duty from 4 April 1969 until 28 January 1971.

Post discharge, you requested Bureau of Naval Personnel, Retired Records Section review your record to determine your eligibility for awards. On 25 August 2000, you were issued a DD Form 215 deleting the Vietnam Service Medal and adding the Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with the 1960 device.

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 the Combat Action Ribbon – FMF Combat Device (CAR), Republic Vietnam Gallantry Unit Citation, Gallantry Cross South Vietnam, or the Vietnam Navy Cross of Gallantry Cross and contentions that: (1) you did an amphibious SOP with FMF that was under fire and returned fire, and (2) the [REDACTED] was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Unit

Citation in 1970, and Combat Action Ribbon – FMF Combat Device (CAR), Republic Vietnam Gallantry Unit Citation, Gallantry Cross South Vietnam, or the Vietnam Navy Cross of Gallantry Cross.

As part of the Board review process, the BCNR requested the AO. The AO stated in pertinent part:

Official records fail to show the █ earning the CAR, or other requested medals during the time the member was onboard, 26 June 1969 until 28 January 1971. Recommend disapproval of request.

After thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board concurred with the AO and determined that there is insufficient evidence to support your request for the requested medals. The Board agreed with the previous reviews conducted of your record which do not indicate you were entitled to these awards based on your service onboard █. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board thanks you for your faithful and selfless 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,

4/10/2025

