



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

Docket No. 11236-24

Ref:	Signature	Date

Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552. 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 28 April 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 Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM); dated 4 March 2025. Although you were provided an opportunity to respond to the AO, you chose not to do so.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 4 December 2013. Your history of assignments indicates you were assigned to [REDACTED] from 23 April 2014 to 29 April 2016 and assigned to [REDACTED] from 1 June 2016 to 17 November 2017. You completed your enlistment honorably, on 3 December 2017, and were subsequently transferred to the Navy Reserve.

On 21 October 2024, in response to your request for issuance of the Navy Expeditionary Medal (NEM), Navy Personnel Command (NPC) determined that you were entitled to the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM), and Navy Good Conduct Medal (NGCM). However, NPC determined you were not entitled to the NEM. NPC issued a Correction to DD Form 214 (DD Form 215) to reflect the awarding of the GWOTSM, GWOTEM, and NGCM.

The Board carefully considered all potentially mitigating factors to determine whether the interest of justice warrant relief in your case in accordance with the Wilkie Memo. These included, but were not limited to, your request to be awarded the GWOTSM, GWOTEM, NGCM and NEM and your contentions that are entitled to these awards based on your active duty service in Bahrain and Sicily. For purposes of clemency and equity, the Board considered the evidence you submitted in support of your application.

Based on your assertions that you are entitled to the NEM, GWOTEM, GWOTSM, and NGCM, the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medal (NDBDM), reviewed your request for correction to your record and provided the Board with an Advisory Opinion (AO). The AO stated in pertinent part:

NPC took initial action on the Petitioner's petition on 7 July 2024, issuing him a DD215 indicating entitlement to the GWOTSM, GWOTEM, and NGCM. NPC informed the Petitioner he was not entitled to the NEM. NPC then forwarded the petition to BCNR on 28 October 2024. The Petitioner has exhausted all other administrative remedies available for relief besides BCNR.

The Petitioner claims he should be awarded the NEM for his service in ██████████  
██████████ from 4 Dec 2013 to 3 Dec 2017.

The Petitioner's claim to the NEM is without merit.

The Petitioner entered active service on 4 Dec 2013 and transferred to reserve status on 3 Dec 2017. He was assigned to ██████████ from 2 Feb 2014 to 29 Apr 2016, and ██████████ from 30 Apr 2016 to 3 Dec 2017<sup>1</sup>. Neither of those units qualified for the NEM during those periods.

The Petitioner was assigned to ██████████ from 27 Aug 2019 to 15 Mar 2024<sup>2</sup> while in the reserve component. That unit did not qualify for the NEM during that period.

Since the Petitioner did not serve in any unit that qualified for the NEM during his military service, he is not entitled to the NEM.

The AO concluded, "Therefore, we recommend BCNR deny relief. Were BCNR to grant relief in this case, such action would be inconsistent with the criteria and standards applied to all other Service Members."

After a thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, in reviewing your record, the Board concurred with the assessments of NPC and the AO; specifically, that your record does not support the awarding of the NEM and that there is no evidence of material error or injustice. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined your request does not merit relief.

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<sup>1</sup> The Board noted these dates were more expansive than those listed on your history of assignments but determined the discrepancy had no effect on the finding that neither of the commands earned the NEM during your periods of service at those command.

<sup>2</sup> Id.

The Board thanks you for your selfless and faithful service to this country.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon the 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 is attached 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,

5/15/2025

