



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 11734-24

Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,
USN, XXX-XX-██████████

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 Submarine Warfare (SS) insignia be added to his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 26 February 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. Navy and commenced active duty on 28 June 1974. On 22 September 1977, Petitioner earned the "SS" (Submarine Warfare Badge) qualification. On 23 January 1981, Petitioner was honorably discharged.

b. On 12 November 2024, Navy Personnel Command (PERS 312) stated review of Petitioner's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) did not support correction since the Submarine Warfare Badge was not awarded at the time of his separation.

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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 found evidence in Petitioner's record that he qualified for the Submarine Warfare Badge and, despite the fact it was not authorized for issuance at the time of his discharge, the Board concluded it was in the interests of justice to properly document Petitioner's qualifications.

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 13 to indicate his Submarine Warfare Badge qualification.

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.

3/21/2025

