



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 1002-25
Ref: Signature date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,
USNR, 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), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting the addition of the Purple Heart Medal certificate to her father's record. Enclosure (2) applies.
2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 19 May 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, policies.
3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:
 - a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.
 - b. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.
 - c. Petitioner is service member's (SM's) daughter. SM enlisted in the Navy Reserve and began a period of active duty on 31 July 1942.
 - d. On 7 December 1944, SM was wounded in action during an enemy air attack on the ██████████. SM was subsequently recommended for the Purple Heart Medal and issued a Purple Heart Medal and Ribbon Bar.
 - e. SM completed a period of Honorable service and was discharged on 7 August 1945.

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f. Petitioner contends SM's awards are not listed on his discharge documents and are required in order for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) cemetery to add it to his columbarium plaque.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record, the Board determined Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, the Board found the record contains sufficient evidence to establish that Petitioner was awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Additionally, to ensure SM's record accurately reflects any entitled awards during his enlistment, the Board concludes a comprehensive review should be conducted of his record.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action:

Navy Personnel Command (NPC) is to review and update SM's official military personnel record to reflect all qualifying awards and decorations. Upon verification, any qualifying awards shall properly be documented and reflected through a DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) to correct the NAVPERS 553 for the period ending 7 August 1945. Additionally, NPC is directed to issue an official Purple Heart Certificate in recognition of SM's award.

No further changes be made to SM's record.

Petitioner shall be provided a copy of SM's updated awards documentation, to include the Purple Heart Certificate.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in SM'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.

5/28/2025

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]