



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

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Docket No. 2247-25
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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your uncle's 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 30 June 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 Personnel Command (PERS-312) on 15 May 2025. Although you were provided an opportunity to respond to the AO, you chose not to do so.

Your enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 7 November 1968. On 6 November 1972, you were honorably discharged by reason of release from active duty and transferred to the Navy Reserves.

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 to be awarded Vietnam Campaign Medal (VCM), Navy Good Conduct Medal (NGCM), and Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC). The Board considered your assertion that you earned the aforementioned awards.

After thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. The Board concurred with the AO that there is no evidence in your record indicating that you are entitled to the VCM. In making its findings, the Board agreed with the

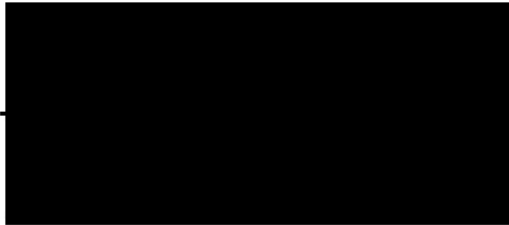
AO that you are entitled to be awarded the NGCM and MUC¹ but found no evidence in your record that you qualified for the VCM. While the Board noted that you submitted a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) decision document that annotates the VA's decision to grant you a service connected disability associated with herbicide exposure, the Board determined this was insufficient to support your entitlement to the VCM. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

The Board thanks you for your selfless 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,

7/17/2025



¹ The Board noted that Navy Personnel Command determined you were entitled to the Navy Good Conduct Medal and the Meritorious Unit Citation on 15 May 2025. A DD Form 215 was issued showing your entitlement to both awards.