



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 3489-25
Ref: Signature Date

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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 23 September 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 the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals. Although you were offered an opportunity to respond to the AO, you chose not to do so.

You enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty on 11 May 1966. At the end of your active duty obligation, you were released from active duty and transferred to the Naval Reserve on 2 March 1970.

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 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (VCM) to be awarded to you and contention that you believe you meet the criteria for the VCM since you were a jet engine mechanic with ██████████ onboard ██████████ from January 1969 through June 1969.

As part of the Board review process, the Board requested the AO to review your record for awards you were entitled to. The AO stated in pertinent part:

A complete review of Subject Named Member's (SNM) Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), corporate data, and the document provided was conducted. The review failed to reveal evidence that SNM earned or met the eligibility requirements to the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. 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 that your record does not provide the necessary evidence to support a finding that you earned or met the eligibility requirement for the VCM¹. As a result, the Board determined that there is no evidence of material error or injustice with your record. 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,

11/20/2025

¹ The Board noted that your record reflects you were not assigned [REDACTED] until 18 June 1969; which was after the awarding period.