



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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[REDACTED] Docket No. 4787-25

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER [REDACTED],
USN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

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 the addition of the Navy Expert Pistol Medal to his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) and the correction of the spelling of his last name on his Certificate of Retirement. Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 17 November 2025 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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 Petitioner's naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and 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. Although Petitioner did not file his application in a timely manner, the statute of limitation was waived in the interest of justice.
- b. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty on 30 August 1974.
- c. On 20 January 1976, Petitioner was released from active duty and transferred to the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL).
- d. On 27 December 1977, Petitioner was transferred from the TDRL to the Retired List with an effective date of 1 September 1977.

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e. Petitioner contends that: (1) his Navy Expert Pistol Medal is missing from his DD Form 214, and (2) his name is incorrectly recorded on his Certificate of Retirement.

f. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, Petitioner provided a personal statement, his Pistol Marksmanship Qualification correspondence, Navy Personnel Command correspondence, his DD Form 214, and his Medical Board Report cover sheet.

CONCLUSION:

Upon careful review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, the Board determined that the Petitioner submitted sufficient evidence that he qualified for the Navy Expert Pistol Medal under the guidance applicable at the time. Additionally, the Board determined Petitioner's Retirement Certificate requires correction.

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 from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 20 January 1976, adding the Navy Expert Pistol Medal in Block 26.

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Retirement indicating his name as "William J. Schaefer".

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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 Regulations, 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.

12/3/2025

