



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 5230-25
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear ██████████

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 25 November 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.

You enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty on 22 May 1962. After periods of continuous Honorable service, you accepted a commission on 2 April 1980. On 1 May 1985, you were retired after serving over 20 years of active service.

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 Navy Commendation Medal (NCM) and Navy Achievement Medal (NAM) to be added to your DD Form 214. You contend that you were informed by telephone that you had been awarded the medals, that they would be mailed to your office, and you were authorized to wear them immediately. You contend that you learned of the error when you reported for duty onboard ██████████ in January 1978 when you were given the opportunity to review your record and requested help from the ships personnel officer for help in resolving the matter. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, which consisted of your DD Form 149 and the evidence you provided in support of your application.

After thorough review, the Board concluded these potentially mitigating factors were insufficient to warrant relief. Specifically, the Board concurred with the National Personnel Records Center

findings that a comprehensive review did not uncover any evidence of you earning the NCM or second NAM. While the Board considered the evidence you provided in support of your application, they determined it was not sufficient to substantiate your entitlement to the requested awards. Therefore, the Board found 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,

12/5/2025

