



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 6962-25
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 24 March 2026. The names and votes of the members of the panel 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 this 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 and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in President, Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals letter 1650 NDBDM of 15 January 2026. The advisory opinion was provided to you on 26 January 2026, and you were given 30 days in which to submit a response. Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit a rebuttal, you did not do so.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

In accordance with DoD FMR Volume 7B, Chapter 1, "Heroism Pay. Service Retirement. Enlisted members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, retired after the completion of 20 or more but less than 30 years of active service for regular retired pay computation purposes, who are credited by the Secretary concerned with extraordinary heroism in the line of duty, shall receive a 10-percent increase to retired or retainer pay. Enlisted members of the Army and the Air Force, with 20 or more, but less than 30, years of service may not exceed a retired pay multiplier of 75 percent, including any heroism pay. Enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard with 20 or more, but less than 30, years of active service are eligible to have retired or retainer pay increased by 10 percent without restriction to a final multiplier of 75 percent."

“010702. Determination of Entitlement. The Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) has the authority to grant 10 percent of additional retired pay to an individual who has performed an act of extraordinary heroism in the line of duty. The Secretary’s determination as to extraordinary heroism is conclusive for all purposes.”

On 18 November 1996, Secretary of the Navy notified Chief of Naval Operations that “CO, [REDACTED] OPNAV Form 1650/3 of 9 October 1996 indicated approval of the Navy and Marine Corps Medal to Engineman Second Class [REDACTED], USN, on 16 October 1996.

In review of CO, [REDACTED] OPNAV Form 1650/3 of 9 Oct 96, upon transfer to the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, in accordance with Section 6330, Title 10, U.S. Code and SECNAVISNT 1650.F, Engineman Second Class [A] will not be accorded the benefits of extraordinary heroism.”

You were issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 19 October 1987 to 30 June 2007 upon having sufficient service for retirement. Furthermore, Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) listed the following: “Navy/Marine Corps Medal...”

On 6 March 2017, Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-91) notified Petitioner that “Under 10U.S.C. § 6331, upon your completion of 30 years of active/inactive duty service or otherwise meeting eligibility requirements, the Secretary of the Navy authorized your transfer to the Retired List of the Regular Navy/Navy Reserve. Per MILPERSMAN 1820-010, we transferred you to the Retired List effective 1 November 2015.”

You requested to recompute your pay entitlements. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. In accordance with DoD FMR Volume 7B, Chapter 1, “[t]he Secretary of the Military Department concerned (or designee) has the authority to grant 10 percent of additional retired pay to an individual who has performed an act of extraordinary heroism in the line of duty. The Secretary’s determination as to extraordinary heroism is conclusive for all purposes.” The Board agreed that the Secretary of the Navy has already determined you would not be awarded the benefits of extraordinary heroism. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion. Accordingly, given the totality of the circumstances, the Board determined that your request does not merit relief.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

3/31/2026

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Deputy Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]