



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7355-25
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) Naval record (excerpts)

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 a correction of his Social Security Number (SSN) on his Certificate or Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), and the issuance of the Navy Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

2. The Board consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 16 March 2026 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 interests of justice.

b. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 30 June 1965. At the time of his enlistment his SSN was reflected as XXX[REDACTED]-XXXX.

c. On 20 August 1968, Petitioner was discharged honorably. At the time, he was issued a DD Form 214 that documented his SSN as XXX[REDACTED]-XXXX.

d. On 21 October 2019, Petitioner's SSN on his DD Form 214 was corrected through a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215).

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d. In 2024, Petitioner submitted a request to the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) seeking the addition of any medals and ribbons to which he may be entitled, to include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. NPC determined Petitioner was entitled to two Navy Unit Commendations, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Color with Palm. On 5 March 2025, NPC issued Petitioner another DD Form 215 adding these awards. However, the newly issued DD Form 215 used his previously correct erroneous SSN in Box 3 of the form.

e. NPC denied Petitioner's request for any additional awards after determining that there is no evidence within Petitioner's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) or Navy corporate data systems to substantiate eligibility for the Navy Good Conduct Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, or Overseas Service Ribbon. NPC further outlined the applicable eligibility criteria for these awards and explained the basis for Petitioner's ineligibility.

f. Petitioner contends his SSN is incorrectly reflected on his DD Form 214. He further asserts that he was neither aware of, nor advised that, his more than three years of continuous service and overseas duty under his enlistment program would render him ineligible for certain awards. He also contends that a Lieutenant Junior Grade (LTJG) provided him a letter indicating that the necessary documentation would be submitted in support of a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

f. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, Petitioner provided a statement, two DD Form 215s, an email, National Personnel Records Center correspondence, Navy Personnel Command correspondence, and various documents from his official military personnel file.

CONCLUSION:

Upon careful review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. Specifically, Petitioner's SSN was erroneously reflected on his 5 March 2025 DD Form 215 and requires correction. For the sake of administrative clarity, all of Petitioner's information on his previously issued DD Form 214 and DD Form 215s shall be consolidated, with the correction, into a new DD Form 214.

Notwithstanding the recommended corrective action below, the Board determined no further relief is warranted. The Board concurred with the assessment of NPC that Petitioner's record does not support entitlement to the requested awards and decorations, and that there is no evidence of material error or injustice in this regard. Accordingly, with respect to Petitioner's request for the issuance of the aforementioned awards and ribbons, the Board, after considering the totality of the circumstances, determined that this portion of the request does not warrant relief.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action:

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That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, reflecting his SSN as "XXX[REDACTED]-XXXX." That all other information currently reflected on the previously issued DD Form 214 and DD Form 215s shall remain unchanged but consolidated and incorporated into the newly issued DD Form 214.

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.

4/1/2026

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