



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 8279-25

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Dear Petitioner:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your father's, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of Petitioner's 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 application on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 24 February 2026. 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. The Board also considered an advisory opinion (AO) furnished by Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (NDBDM) on 17 September 2025. Although you were afforded an opportunity to submit an AO rebuttal, you chose not to do so.

The following is the relevant factual background of your case based upon review of Petitioner's naval record and/or the matters provided with your application:

1. Petitioner was commissioned in the Navy as a Naval Officer on 21 October 1942. On 10 December 1945, Petitioner was honorably released from active duty at the end of his obligated service.
2. On 26 June 1944, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ issued a citation recommending Petitioner receive the Silver Star Medal (SSM) for his role in the rescue of survivors from ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■ on 6 June 1944.

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,

3/12/2026

