



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE RD
ARLINGTON, VA 22204

[REDACTED]
Docket No. 9001-25
Ref: Signature Date

[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED],

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 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 14 May 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 [REDACTED], which was previously provided to you for comment.

You requested the correction of your military record to reflect that your Navy and Marine Corps medal constitutes Extraordinary Heroism. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. You assert that, "[t]his correction is warranted as my actions constitute Extraordinary Heroism (EH). Under direct gunfire, I voluntarily remained to protect [REDACTED], who lay defenseless, despite clear personal risk and limited cover. My Navy Auxiliary Security Force shooting training enabled me to neutralize two armed gang members, preventing a fatal execution. Subsequently, my Search and Rescue Swimmer training allowed me to provide critical first aid, which doctors confirmed saved Officer [REDACTED] life." The Board found that your recollection of events does not match the letter from the Chief of Police [REDACTED] Police Department or the Citation for your Navy and Marine Corps Medal. Presumption of regularity in government affairs attaches to all official records and you have not provided any evidence to overcome this presumption. In accordance with Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation

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 noting that the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals determined you were not entitled to the Extraordinary Heroism benefit. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion. Thus, concluded that there is no probable material error, substantive inaccuracy, or injustice warranting corrective action. 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,

5/26/2026

