



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 9388-25  
Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,  
USN, XXX-XX-██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Advisory Opinion of 30 Dec 25

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 that his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) be corrected with the Navy "E" Ribbon (NER) and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation (RKPUC).

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 3 March 2026 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 his naval service records, applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered enclosure (3), an advisory opinion from the Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals, and Petitioner's response to the AO.

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.

b. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy and commenced active duty on 26 May 1952.

d. On 16 May 1956, Petitioner was honorably discharged after the expiration of his term of active obligated service.

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e. On 1 March 2024, Navy Personnel Command (PERS 312), noted that records show neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] earned RKPUC or NER during the time Petitioner was onboard.

f. In light of the Petitioner's request that he be awarded the NDSM and VSM, the Board requested enclosure (3). The AO stated in pertinent part:

After thorough review of the available evidence, and pertinent statutes, regulations, and past practices, we determined the Petitioner is entitled to the ROKPUC, but is not entitled to the NE. We therefore recommend BCNR grant partial relief.

The Petitioner's claim to the ROKPUC is valid, but his claim to the NE is without merit. Official military records substantiate the Petitioner was assigned to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from 19 Jul 1953 to 16 Jun 1954. Per encl (1), [REDACTED] was authorized the ROKPUC from 9 Mar 1953 to 27 Jul 1953. Therefore, the Petitioner is entitled to the ROKPUC.

The Petitioner claims to merit the NE award for service on [REDACTED] during the fiscal year of 1 Jul 1955 to 30 Jun 1956. Per ref (c), the NE is authorized for service on or after 1 Jul 1974; therefore, the Petitioner does not qualify for the NE.

We concluded the Petitioner is entitled to the ROKPUC but is not entitled to the NE. We therefore recommend BCNR grant partial relief by directing the ROKPUC be entered into his official record. Were BCNR to grant full relief in this case, such action would be inconsistent with the standards applied to all other Service Members.

g. Petitioner submitted a rebuttal statement to the AO. In his rebuttal, he states "It appears the Navy "E" Ribbon is not a retroactive replacement for the Battle Efficiency "E" Patch authorized before 1 July 1974. Since Line 27 of my DD214 makes NO mention of this award, I request this correction be made on my DD215. The evidence is as stated in Line 19b (NER Statement of Facts) of my DD Form 149."

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants partial relief.

The Board determined it was in the interests of justice to properly document the awards earned by Petitioner while he was on active duty service. Therefore, the Board concluded the Navy shall award the Petitioner the RKPUC.

However, the Board concurred with the AO that Petitioner was not entitled to NER. Petitioner served in the Navy prior to the authorization of the NER in 1974. Therefore, the Board found no

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basis to grant this aspect of Petitioner's request for relief. Further, the Board determined insufficient evidence exists to support Petitioner's request to modify his record by documenting the receipt of a "Battle Efficiency 'E' Patch" on his DD Form 214. In making this finding, the Board lacked any evidence Petitioner earned the patch in question and, more importantly, determined such a patch was not a formal award or ribbon that would be typically included on a DD Form 214.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) correcting Block 26 to indicate his entitlement to the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

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 Regulation, 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.

3/20/2026

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]