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Docket No. 9801-25
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████, USN,
SERVICE NUMBER ██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552
(b) DoD Manual 1348.33 (Manual of Military Decorations and Awards)
(c) NAVPERS 15,790, Decorations, Medals, Ribbons, and Badges of the United States
Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard from 1861 to 1948

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, the surviving grandson of the subject former naval officer ("Officer"), filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change to Officer's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty or its World War II service equivalent ("DD Form 214"), to reflect the Officer's entitlement to the Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia Clasp ("NOSM").

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 27 February 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 the Officer's naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, policies. Additionally, the Board also considered an advisory opinion (AO) furnished by the Secretary of the Navy Council of Review Boards, Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals (CORB), which was considered favorable to Petitioner.

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, and although enclosure (1) was not filed by Petitioner in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider his application on its merits.

b. The Officer's USN serial number was ██████████. The Officer died at age 96 in June 2016. The Petitioner did not provide a valid Social Security Number on the DD Form 149.

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c. The Officer served in the U.S. Navy on active duty from 6 December 1943 to 29 April 1946, and he earned an Honorable discharge upon his release to inactive duty. During World War II, Petitioner was wounded in action while onboard the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) in March 1945 and received the Purple Heart Medal for his injuries. While subsequently stationed in the Pacific theater following the unconditional Japanese surrender on 2 September 1945, the Officer served onboard the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

d. Reference (c) lists the eligibility requirements for the NOSM. Within the Department of the Navy, to qualify for the NOSM:

The individual shall have been attached to, present, and serving on permanent duty with an organization in the Naval service of the United States...during those periods of time when such occupation of enemy, or former enemy, national territory...Occupation duty in the Asiatic-Pacific area shall be credited to organizations for duty performed on and subsequent to 2 September 1945, on shore in such parts of [REDACTED] and in such territories recognized as sovereign to [REDACTED]...or in ships operating in such home or territorial waters or contiguous ocean areas in direct support of occupation.

e. The Officer's service record indicates that he was assigned to the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) from 30 September 1945 to 4 February 1946. The Board noted that the [REDACTED] was authorized the NOSM from 12 October 1945 to 21 February 1946.

f. The CORB reviewed your contentions and the available records and issued an AO dated 15 January 2026. As part of the Board's review, the Board considered the AO. The AO stated in pertinent part:

- The Petitioner's claim for the NOSM with Asia clasp is valid.

- Official military records substantiate the Petitioner was assigned to [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) from 30 Sep 1945 to 4 Feb 1946...[REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) was authorized the NOSM from 12 Oct 1945 to 21 Feb 1946. The Petitioner is therefore entitled to the NOSM with Asia clasp. The NOSM was created after the Petitioner had separated from active service and therefore was not on his Notice of Separation.

The CORB AO concluded, "We concluded the Petitioner is entitled to the NOSM with Asia clasp and therefore recommend BCNR grant relief by directing the NOSM be entered into his official record. Denial of relief in this case would be inconsistent with the standards and criteria applied to all other Service Members."

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and the Board's own independent analysis, the Board determined that Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board determined

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the Officer is entitled to the NOSM and concluded that their decision was consistent with current awards guidance as outlined in references (b) and (c).

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Officer be issued a "Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" (DD Form 215), for the period ending 29 April 1946, to indicate the additional entitlement to the following decorations, medals, badges, commendations, citations, and campaign ribbons:

- 1) Navy Occupation Service Medal with Asia Clasp.

That Officer's next of kin be issued a NOSM, a certificate, and a citation.

That Commander, Navy Personnel Command review the Officer's service record to determine any and all additional decorations, medals, badges, commendations, citations, and campaign ribbons that Officer may be entitled to receive based on his World War II era service, and to document any necessary changes via a DD Form 215, as well as issue to Petitioner's next of kin any corresponding decorations, medals, badges, commendations, citations, and/or campaign ribbons, as applicable.

Following the corrections to the DD Form 214 indicating the revised entitlement to Officer's decorations, medals, badges, commendations, citations, and campaign ribbons, that all other information currently listed on such DD-214 remain the same.

That 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.

3/5/2026

