



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 3786-21

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED], USN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) [REDACTED] Women's Health of 26 Oct 17
(3) Advisory Opinion by OPNAV N171A of 25 Jun 21

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the reference, Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that her naval record be corrected by changing the Navy Physical Readiness Information Management System (PRIMS) to reflect a medical waiver for her cycle 2-2017 Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 11 January 2022 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 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, found that, before applying to this Board, she exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:

a. On 10 November 2017, Petitioner had a surgical procedure that required her to be of work for approximately six weeks. See enclosure (2).

b. The advisory opinion (AO) furnished by OPNAV N171A recommended that Petitioner obtain a Letter of Correction with her Commanding Officer's (CO) final disposition for the medical waiver. The AO noted that Petitioner did complete her Physical Activity Risk Factor Questionnaire, she did check "yes" to request a medical waiver, and the Command Fitness Leader (CFL) failed to make any entries in Petitioner's PRIMS record. See enclosure (3).

c. Petitioner contends that she attempted to correct her PRIMS record before transferring from her former command but was not able to resolve the issue through her chain of command.

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CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting corrective action. The Board noted that according to both the AO and Petitioner's statement, she had a medical procedure that required approximately six weeks for recovery and she completed the required documents to obtain a waiver. The Board also noted that Petitioner previously attempted to obtain the medical waiver before transferring from her former command. The Board determined that Petitioner's surgery and lengthy recovery period constituted a valid basis to approve her PFA medical waiver. The Board acknowledged the AO's recommendation, however, the Board determined that due to the change in personnel since 2017, it would be near impossible and unduly burdensome for Petitioner to locate her former CO and obtain the recommended documentation. Accordingly, the Board determined that Petitioner's cycle 2-2017 PFA should be updated to reflect a medical waiver.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's naval record be corrected by updating Petitioner's PRIMS record to reflect a medical waiver for her cycle 2-2017 PFA.

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.

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Deputy Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]