



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 4922-21  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER █, USNR,  
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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Subject's naval record (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change to her naval record, specifically, to change her reason for separation "Female who refused to enlist" (Item 10) on her Record of Discharge or Release from Active Duty (NAVPERS 601-14). Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board consisting of █, █, and █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 October 2021 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include the 25 July 2018 guidance from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness regarding equity, injustice or clemency determinations (Wilkie Memo).

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 waive the statute limitation and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy Reserve Delayed Entry Program (DEP) on 22 December 1975. At the time of her enlistment into the Navy Reserve DEP, she made a written statement on her Application for Enlistment (DD Form 1966) that her minor child was in the custody of her paternal grandparents due to a recent divorce. Petitioner contends that she was asked to return to the recruiter's office and told that women with custody of their children cannot enlist into the Navy. As a result, she was discharged from the Navy Reserve DEP on 21 June 1976 with an honorable characterization of service by reason of female who refused to enlist.

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CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants partial favorable action. The Board noted that upon Petitioner's discharge from the Navy Reserve DEP, she received a NAVPERS 601-14, which reflected her reason for separation as "**Female who refused to enlist.**" With that being said, the Board concludes that Petitioner's reason for separation "**Female who refused to enlist**" (Item 10) on her NAVPERS 601-14, should be redacted. The Board also noted that the characterization of service "Honorable" on Petitioner's NAVPERS 601-14 is in error due to Petitioner never serving on active duty. In accordance with the foregoing, the Board concluded that the record should be corrected by redacting "**Female who refused to enlist**" (Item 10) on her NAVPERS 601-14 and that Petitioner should be issued a redacted copy of her NAVPERS 601-14.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner's naval record shall be corrected by redacting "**Female who refused to enlist**" (Item 10) on her NAVPERS 601-14 and that Petitioner be issued a redacted copy of her NAVPERS 601-14, which reflects these corrections and a copy be filed in her official military personnel record.

That Petitioner be issued a copy of her NAVPERS 601-14 showing that her reason for separation "**Female who refused to enlist**" (Item 10) is redacted.

That no further changes be made to the 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.

Sincerely,

10/22/2021

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Executive Director  
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