



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 3992-25
Ref: Signature Date

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) 10 U.S.C. § 1552

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

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 her naval record be corrected to reflect her maiden name.
2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 August 2025 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.
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 Navy and entered active duty on 26 October 1992. The name listed on Petitioner's enlistment contract is [REDACTED]." Petitioner married on 22 September 1996 and changed her name to reflect [REDACTED]." Subsequently, on 16 April 1997, Petitioner was discharged with an Honorable characterization of service and issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) with the name [REDACTED]
 - d. Petitioner contends that she has since divorced and her married name listed on her DD Form 214 has caused a loss of benefits.

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CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board noted that Petitioner was only married for six months and found it understandable that Petitioner's married name may cause misunderstanding given the short period of time she carried her married name. The Board also agreed that this could cause confusion and loss of benefits as Petitioner claims. Thus, the Board concluded that her record shall be corrected by issuance of a DD Form 214 reflecting Petitioner's maiden name.

RECOMMENDATION

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

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, for the period ending on 16 April 1997, indicating her name as [REDACTED]."

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.

8/18/2025

