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USN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Navy by reason of convenience of the government - parenthood. Petitioner waived her procedural right to consult with military counsel.

e. Petitioner's commanding officer (CO) forwarded the administrative separation package to the separation authority recommending that Petitioner be retained in the naval service. As part of the CO's recommendation, he stated in pertinent part:

Given [Petitioner's] inability to comply with all measures of her FCC, she can only be classified as non-deployable and I recommend [Petitioner] be retained for continued naval service until completion of her current contract. Additionally, it is recommended that [Petitioner] be transferred to a non-deployable unit until such time as she can comply with FCC requirements or documented substantiation is provided to justify separation. It is also requested that this transfer occur prior to this command's scheduled deployment in May 2005.

f. However, the separation authority directed Petitioner's administrative discharge from the Navy with type warranted by service record character of service by reason of parenthood or custody of minor children. The separation authority noted that if General (Under Honorable Conditions) (GEN) character of service was warranted, Petitioner shall be notified of the specific factors in the service record warranting such characterization via a Page 13 service record entry. On 29 April 2005, Petitioner was discharged from the Navy with a GEN characterization of service. At the time of her discharge, Petitioner's overall trait average exceeded 3.0.

g. Petitioner contends that she had to leave and could not finish her four year enlistment due to parenthood, she was denied education benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and, over the years, there was always an emptiness inside her for having a GEN discharge and feeling that she did not fit in the veteran's community.

CONCLUSION

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

The Board noted Petitioner's record did not have any disciplinary infractions nor a Page 13 service record entry notifying Petitioner of the specific factors that warranted a GEN character of service as directed by the separation authority. Further, the Board considered Petitioner should have qualified for an Honorable based on her overall trait average. Therefore, after reviewing the record and determining an error exists with Petitioner's assigned characterization of service, the Board concluded it should be changed to Honorable.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board recommends that the following corrective action be taken on Petitioner's naval record in the interests of justice:

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That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) and discharge certificate reflecting that, for the period ending 29 April 2005, Petitioner's characterization of service was "Honorable."

That no further correction action be taken on Petitioner's naval record.

That a copy of this record of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that 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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