



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No. 8549-25

Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552

(b) MILPERSMAN 1131-050, 21 Jun 07

(c) OPNAVINST 1420.1B, 14 Dec 09

(d) OPNAVINST 1120.7A, 20 Apr 12

(e) DODI 1310.02, 26 Mar 15

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

(2) Advisory opinion by NPC 1412 PERS-80/0017, 22 Jan 26

(3) Subject's naval record

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 show the effective commissioning date and paygrade as an Ensign was 18 December 2024 with back pay.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 12 May 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 Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:

a. In accordance with reference (b), the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECP) gives active duty enlisted personnel, including Full-Time Support (FTS), an opportunity to complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree in nursing and earn a commission as a Nurse Corps officer. Obligation. a. Upon graduation, candidates will be commissioned as Ensign, Nurse Corps, United States Navy and incur a commissioned obligation of 8 years, 4 of which must be served on active duty. b. Candidates will be commissioned upon completion of MECP and must successfully complete Officer Indoctrination School.

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b. In accordance with reference (c), upon successful completion of a baccalaureate or entry level master's degree in nursing (certified by the accredited college/university), the candidate will receive a permanent appointment in the grade of ensign in the NC, U.S. Navy, per section 12203 of reference (f), and under the guidance of reference (h). No subsequent reversion to an enlisted status is authorized. Commissioned officers must serve the minimum years active commissioned service per section 6323 of reference (f) to be eligible for retirement. Appointees incur an 8-year military service obligation upon commissioning, 4 of which must be served on active duty. Licensure. Appointment as an NC officer may occur prior to licensure; however, the NCLEX-RN must be taken at the first available opportunity following completion of the baccalaureate program.

c. In accordance with reference (d), Purpose. To revise regulations governing: a. Appointment of officers in the Active Component (AC) and Reserve Component (RC) of the Nurse Corps (NC), under references (a) and (b), and in either component through lateral or interservice transfers under references (c) through (f). b. Voluntary recall of NC officers transferred to the active duty list (ADL). c. Award of entry grade credit on appointment in the NC under references (g), (h), and (i).

d. On 22 July 2014, Petitioner enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve for 8 years with an Expiration of Obligated Service of 21 July 2022.

e. In accordance with reference (e), PURPOSE. In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive (DoDD) 5124.02 (Reference (a)), this instruction reissues DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1310.02 (Reference (b)) to establish policy, assign responsibilities, and provide procedures for the original appointment of individuals, enlisted members, and officers as Regular or Reserve commissioned or warrant officers in or to the grades O-6 and below, pursuant to sections 531, 571(b), 12203, 12211, 12212, and 12241(b) of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.) (Reference (c)).

“Sec[W] [Secretary of [War] Appointments. The Sec[W] will make all Regular and Reserve appointments of individuals, enlisted members, and officers in or to the grades identified in paragraphs 1b(1) and 1b(2) of this enclosure based on Presidential delegations in accordance with Executive Orders 12396, 13358, 13384, and 13598 (References (f), (g), (h), and (i)). This delegated authority of the Sec[W] may not be further delegated. (1) Individuals, enlisted members, and officers being appointed in or to the grades of warrant officer, W-1, through captain in the Regular Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps or in or to the grades of warrant officer, W-1, through lieutenant in the Regular Navy.”

f. On 27 August 2024, [REDACTED] notified Navy Medicine Leadership and Professional Development Command that “[i]t is anticipated that [REDACTED] will complete course requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) on 11 December 2024 and will graduate on 12 December 2024.”

g. On 12 December 2024, [REDACTED] issued “[t]o all whom these presents may come Greeting be it known that [REDACTED], having completed the studies and satisfied the

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requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing, has accordingly been admitted to that degree with all the honors, rights and privileges belonging thereto.”

h. On 9 January 2025, [REDACTED] Board of Nursing issued a Registered Nurse license with an expiration date of 31 January 2028.

i. Petitioner was discharged with an Honorable character of service and was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 7 October 2014 to 10 February 2025 upon completion of required active service.

j. On 10 February 2025, Petitioner’s Officer Appointment Acceptance and Oath of Office (NAVPERS 1000/4) was issued listing the following: Block 3 (Designator) 2900, block 18 (Permanent Grade) Ensign, block 19 (Permanent Grade Date) 11 February 2025, block 20 (Present Grade) Ensign, and block 21 (Present Grade Date) 11 February 2025. Furthermore, Petitioner and witness signed on 11 February 2025.

k. On 21 February 2025, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations notified Secretary of [War] that “Mr. Secretary, request you sign TAB A, an appointment scroll containing the names of 20 enlisted members, beginning with [REDACTED], whom I recommend for appointment to the grade of ensign in the Regular Navy.

The enlisted members listed on TAB A will be accessed through the Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program. It is anticipated that the enlisted members will successfully complete the accession program requirements and qualifications prior to appointments being tendered. If a named enlisted member subsequently fails to meet the requirements of the commissioning program, or is otherwise found ineligible, the enlisted member will not be granted an original appointment. The earliest date of appointment is February 28, 2025.”

l. On 11 March 2025, Secretary of [War] stated that “I hereby appoint the following named enlisted members to the grade indicated in the Regular Navy under title 10 U.S.C., section 531:
[REDACTED]

m. On 12 June 2025, Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Leader submitted a Supporting Statement for Board for Correction of Naval Records in the Case of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 2900, USN stating the following: “...Background. There were 15 MECP graduates who successfully completed all requirements and graduated from the program in December 2024. ENS [B.] completed program requirements on 12 December 2024. An error in submitting the scroll for commissions to the appropriate authority delayed the commissioning process. Scroll was signed by the Office of the Secretary of [War] [OS[W]] on 11 March 2025, and Oath of Office signed 11 February 2025. As a result, these officers have experienced a delay in their official commissioning dates and subsequent receipt of officer pay and entitlements.

Impact: This administrative error has resulted in financial and professional hardship for the 15 affected members, who have fulfilled all obligations and requirements. The

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member was originally slated to commission 18 December 2024, attend Officer Development School (ODS) in March 2025 but have been delayed to June 2025.

It is respectfully requested that the BCNR approve the correction of the commissioning date to reflect the original intended date of 18 December 2024 and grant retroactive officer pay from the corrected commissioning date. This correction will address the financial and professional impact on the affected members and rectify the administrative error.”

n. In the advisory opinion, attached as enclosure (2), the office having cognizance over the subject matter addressed in Petitioner’s application has commented to the effect that the request has merit and warrants favorable action.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of enclosure (2), the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded that Petitioner’s Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing was conferred on 12 December 2024, and she should have been commissioned on that date in accordance with references (b) and (c). However, the submission of the scroll for approval was delayed due to an administrative error, causing an injustice to Petitioner. Therefore, the Board agreed that under this circumstance, relief is warranted. The Board disagrees with Petitioner’s assertion that she should have been commissioned on 18 December 2024 because Petitioner’s degree of Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing was conferred on 12 December 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner’s naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that:

Petitioner’s Officer Appointment Acceptance and Oath of Office (NAVPERS 1000/4) was issued listing the following: Block 3 (Designator) 2900, block 18 (Permanent Grade) Ensign, block 19 (Permanent Grade Date) 12 December 2024 vice 11 February 2025, block 20 (Present Grade) Ensign, and block 21 (Present Grade Date) 12 December 2024 vice 11 February 2025. Furthermore, Petitioner signed and was witnessed on 12 December 2024 vice 11 February 2025.

Note: That any other entries affected by the Board’s recommendation be corrected. Furthermore, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will complete an audit of Petitioner’s pay records to determine amounts due, if any.

A copy of this report of proceedings will 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 titled matter.

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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 the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

5/18/2026

