



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 00711-99  
21 September 1999

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

Subj: LCDR [REDACTED] C, USNR [REDACTED]  
REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 dtd 25 Jan 99 w/attachments  
(2) BUMED ltr dtd 14 Apr 99  
(3) Subject's ltr dtd 19 May 99  
(4) BUMED ltr dtd 10 Jun 99 w/enclosure  
(5) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that the applicable naval record be corrected to show additional entry grade service credit for advanced education (Ph.D in physiology) which was not accounted for on the entry grade credit service worksheet and subsequent correction of initial date of rank.

2. The Board, consisting of Messrs. Dunn, Ensley and Zarnesky, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 10 September 1999, 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, 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, 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. In correspondence at enclosure (2), the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) office with cognizance over the subject matter of this case provided their first of two opinions, commenting to the effect that no corrective action should be taken for Petitioner, because she was awarded the proper entry grade credit for her education and experience. In this first opinion, BUMED stated that credit cannot be award for her Ph.D. in physiology because the degree was earned concurrently with her doctor of medicine (MD) degree, and

four years of entry grade credit was granted for the primary MD credential and cannot be counted again for the Ph.D in physiology.

c. Enclosure (3) is Petitioner's response to the first BUMED advisory opinion at enclosure (2). She indicated that she had conversed with BUMED and that after closer review of supporting documents, BUMED had agreed to reconsider their prior advisory opinion and recommendation. She asked that no decision be made until a superseding recommendation could be made and received from BUMED.

d. In correspondence attached as enclosure (4), BUMED cancelled enclosure (2) and recommended approval of Petitioner's request for additional entry grade credit for her Ph.D in physiology, citing the additional information she had submitted. They stated she was in a combined MD/Ph.D program resulting in a total of eight years of study, four years for her MD and four years for her Ph.D. They recommended that she be granted a total of 10 years, four months and 15 days of entry grade credit. With this entry grade credit, she would have been commissioned in the grade of lieutenant commander, with a date of rank of 26 November 1995.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of enclosure (4), the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that she was commissioned a lieutenant commander in the Medical Corps of the Naval Reserve, with a date of rank of 26 November 1995; and that her lineal precedence be adjusted accordingly.

b. That a copy of this Report of Proceedings be filed at an appropriate location in Petitioner's naval record, and that another copy of this report be returned to this Board, together with any material directed to be removed from Petitioner's record, for retention in a confidential file maintained for such purpose.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) 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.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Recorder

*Jonathan S. Ruskin*  
JONATHAN S. RUSKIN  
Acting Recorder

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.

*W. Dean Pfeiffer*  
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Executive Director

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IN REPLY REFER TO

1120  
Ser 525/99-3028  
14 Apr 99

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
To: Board for Correction of Naval Records

Subj: ADVISORY OPINION ICO LIEUTENANT COMMANDE [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) BCNR ltr of 1 Apr 99  
(b) SECNAVINST 1120.12A

Encl: (1) BCNR File [REDACTED]

1. Enclosure (1) is returned, recommending no action. Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] as awarded the proper entry grade credit (EGC) based on her education and experience.

2. Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] requested additional credit for her Ph.D. in Physiology. We cannot award this credit because the degree was earned concurrently with her MD degree. Reference (b) allows us to count a period of time only once. Four years of EGC was granted for the primary MD credential and cannot be counted again for the Ph.D. in Physiology.

3. My point of contact for further information is Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] NC, USNR, who may be reached [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

By direction

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IN REPLY REFER TO

1120  
Ser 52/99-3028  
10 Jun 99

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
To: Board for Correction of Naval Records

Subj: ADVISORY OPINION ICO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) BUMED ltr 1120 Ser 525/99-3028 of 14 Apr 99  
(b) Discussion between [REDACTED] MC, USN,  
MED-OOMC, [REDACTED] NC, USN,  
MED-52 of 20 May 1999  
(c) SECNAVINST 1120.12A

Encl: (1) BCNR ltr HD:ks Docket No: [REDACTED] 28 Apr 99  
(2) Additional documents provided [REDACTED]

1. This letter cancels reference (a).
2. Reference (b) detailed additional information, enclosure (1), submitted to Captain [REDACTED] MC, USN, by Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED]. Based on this additional information, recommend approval of Lieutenant Commander [REDACTED] request for additional entry grade credit based on her Ph.D in Physiology.
3. Reference (c) states entry grade credit cannot be given for degrees earned concurrently. However, the Medical Scientist Training Program at the University of Iowa is a combined MD/Ph.D resulting in a total of eight years of study; four years for her medical degree and four years for her Ph.D. This recommendation results in a total of 10 years, 4 months and 15 days entry grade credit.
4. Your point of contact [REDACTED] who may be reached at [REDACTED] should you have any questions.

[REDACTED]

By direction

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MEDICAL CORPS  
ENTRY GRADE CREDIT WORKSHEET  
REFERENCE: SECNAVINST 1120.13

Medical School Grad Date: 5/15/92  
Specialty: PEDS  
Subspecialty/NOBC: 16145/0105

Status: INACT  
Recommended Grade: LCDR

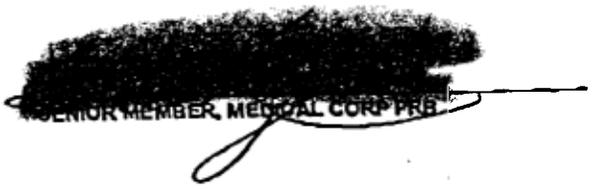
Creditable Item (Maximum Credit Allowed)	PERIOD		CREDIT GIVEN		
	From	To	Years	Month	Days
1. Initial MD or DO degree.			4	0	0
2. Completion of GME (1 year).			1	0	0
3. Completion of AMA/ADA approved residency (1 year for each year).			2	0	0
4. Credit for advanced education in addition to primary specialty training that contributes directly to performance in anticipated duty position based on full time equivalent education of up to 2 years for masters or 3 years for a doctorate in approved fields. A period of time shall be counted only once.			3	0	0
6. Experience as a practicing MD/DO. (1/2 yr for each yr, 3 years max)			0	4	15
8. Special experience related to an authorized primary/surgical speciality. Max credit must be given in para. 6 above before awarding credit. (1 year for each year)			0	0	0
7. Active service as a Medical Officer. (1 year for each year)			0	0	0
8. Active commissioned service other than as a Medical Officer. (1/2 year for each year)			0	0	0
<b>TOTAL SERVICE CREDIT (14 YEARS MAXIMUM)</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>

Date Prepared: 6/10/99

Prepared by: 

Based upon a thorough administrative and professional review of all documents submitted with the application for appointment, 0 years, 0 months, 0 days of entry grade credit is recommended. Contingent upon \_\_\_\_\_



  
SENIOR MEMBER, MEDICAL CORPS PRB

Name: 

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