

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 9, 1999.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander Gregg A. Cervi, JAGC, U.S. Navy Admiralty Counsel, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Navy Department, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-5066; Telephone number: (202) 685-5040.  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority granted in 33 U.S.C. 1605, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 706. This amendment provides notice that the Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law), under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Navy, has certified that USS *Mitscher* (DDG 57) is a vessel of the Navy which, due to its special construction and purpose, cannot fully comply with the following specific provisions of 72 COLREGS

without interfering with its special function as a naval ship: Annex I paragraph 3(a) pertaining to the location of the forward masthead light in the forward quarter of the vessel, and the horizontal distance between the forward and after masthead lights. The Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Admiralty and Maritime Law) has also certified that the lights involved are located in closest possible compliance with the applicable 72 COLREGS requirements.

Moreover, it has been determined, in accordance with 32 CFR parts 296 and 701, that publication of this amendment for public comment prior to adoption is impracticable, unnecessary, and contrary to public interest since it is based on technical findings that the placement of lights on this vessel in a manner differently from that prescribed

herein will adversely affect the vessel's ability to perform its military functions.

**List of Subjects in 32 CFR part 706**

Marine safety, Navigation (water), and Vessels.

Accordingly, 32 CFR part 706 is amended as follows:

**PART 706—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 706 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1605.

2. Table Five of § 706.2 is amended by revising the entry for USS *Mitscher* to read as follows:

**§ 706.2 Certifications of the Secretary of the Navy under Executive Order 11964 and 33 U.S.C. 1605.**

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TABLE FIVE

Vessel	Number	Masthead lights not over all other lights and obstructions. annex I, sec. 2(f)	Forward mast-head light not in forward quarter of ship. annex I, sec. 3(a)	After masthead light less than 1/2 ship's length aft of forward mast-head light. annex I, sec. 3(a)	Percentage horizontal separation attained
USS Mitscher .....	DDG 57	X	X	X	19.8

Dated: November 9, 1999.  
 Approved:  
**G.A. Cervi,**  
*Lieutenant Commander, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate, General (Admiralty and Maritime Law).*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**32 CFR Part 724**

**RIN 0703-AA64**

**Naval Discharge Review Board**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Final Rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment reflects administrative changes made to the Department of the Navy's Naval Discharge Review Board regulations.  
**DATES:** Effective October 19, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave. SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger Claussen, Legal Advisor, Naval Council of Personnel Boards, 720 Kennon Street, SE, Room 309, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023. Phone: (202) 685-6399.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority cited below, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR part 724. This amendment provides notice that the Department of the Navy has made administrative changes to the Naval Discharge Review Board regulations. These changes are found in subparts A and B and reflect updated references, removal of a redundant information, a change in the number of days an applicant has to submit documents to the Board after notification that certain documents are unavailable to the Board from 30 to 60 days, and other administrative changes. It has been determined that invitation of public comment on this amendment

would be impracticable and unnecessary, and it is therefore not required under the public rulemaking provisions of 32 CFR Part 336 or Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.45. Interested persons, however, are invited to comment in writing on this amendment. All written comments received will be considered in making subsequent amendments or revisions of 32 CFR Part 724, or the instructions on which they are based. Changes may be initiated on the basis of comments received. Written comments should be addressed to Roger Claussen, Legal Advisor, Naval Council of Personnel Boards, 720 Kennon Street, SE, Room 309, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023. Phone: (202) 685-6399. It has been determined that this final rule is not a "significant regulatory action" as defined in Executive Order 12866.

**Executive Order 13132, Federalism**

It has been determined that this rule does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. The

provisions contained in this rule will have little or no direct effect on States or local governments.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

This rule does not impose collection of information requirements for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, 5 CFR Part 1320).

**List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 724**

Administrative practice and procedure, Archives and records, Court-martial, Military personnel, Naval discharge.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, amend part 724 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

**PART 724—NAVAL DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD**

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 724 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 10 U.S.C. 1553.

**PART 724—[AMENDED]**

2. In 32 CFR part 724, revise all references to “he” to read “he/she”, and revise all references to “his” to read “his/her”.

3. Revise 32 CFR 724.108, as follows:

**§ 724.108 Administrative discharge.**

A discharge upon expiration of enlistment or required period of service, or prior thereto, in a manner prescribed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps or the Commander, Naval Personnel Command, but specifically excluding separation by sentence of a general court-martial.

4–5. In 32 CFR 724.109, revise paragraph (a)(4)(ii) as follows:

**§ 724.109 Types of administrative discharges.**

- (a) \* \* \*
- (4) \* \* \*

(ii) With respect to administrative matters outside the administrative separation system that require a characterization of service as Honorable or General, an Entry Level Separation shall be treated as the required characterization. An Entry Level Separation for a member of a Reserve component separated from the Delayed Entry Program is under honorable conditions.

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**§ 724.201 [Amended]**

5. In 32 CFR 724.201, remove the words “SECNAVINST 5430.7L” and add, in their place, the words “SECNAVINST 5730.7 series”, and remove the words “SECNAVINST 5420.135C” and add, in their place, the words “SECNAVINST 5420.135 series”.

**§ 724.210 [Amended]**

6. In 32 CFR 724.210(a)(2), remove the number “30” and add, in its place, the number “60”.

**§ 724.212 [Amended]**

7. In 32 CFR 724.212, remove and reserve paragraph (c).

Dated: September 29, 2000.

**C.G. Carlson,**

*U.S. Marine Corps, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Navy**

**32 CFR Part 733**

**RIN 0703–AA66**

**Assistance to and Support of Dependents; Paternity Complaints**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.  
**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy is updating its regulation on assistance to and support of dependents and paternity complaints. Significant changes were made to Marine Corps specific provisions to reflect the language found in the Marine Corps Legal Administration Manual. Other changes reflect administrative and nomenclature changes.

**DATES:** Effective October 19, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374–5066.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lieutenant Commander James L. Roth, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Head, Regulations and Legislation Branch, Administrative Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374–5066, (703) 604–8200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the authority cited below, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 733. This amendment provides notice that significant changes were made in sections 733.3 and 733.4 to paragraphs applicable to the Marine

Corps to reflect language found in the Marine Corps Legal Administration Manual (MCO 5800.16A (LEGADMINMAN)). Additionally, throughout Part 733 the term “basic allowance for quarters” was changed to “basic allowance for housing”, as well as other administrative changes. It has been determined that invitation of public comment on this amendment would be impracticable and unnecessary, and it is therefore not required under the public rulemaking provisions of 32 CFR Part 336 or Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.45. Interested persons, however, are invited to comment in writing on this amendment. All written comments received will be considered in making subsequent amendments or revisions of 32 CFR Part 733, or the instructions on which they are based. Changes may be initiated on the basis of comments received. Written comments should be addressed to Lieutenant Commander James L. Roth, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Head, Regulations and Legislation Branch, Administrative Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374–5066. It has been determined that this final rule is not a “significant regulatory action” as defined in Executive Order 12866.

**Executive Order 13132, Federalism**

It has been determined that this rule does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. The provisions contained in this rule will have little or no direct effect on States or local governments.

**Regulatory Flexibility Act**

This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

This rule does not impose collection of information requirements for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, 5 CFR Part 1320).

**List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 733**

Alimony, Child support, Housing, Marital status, Military personnel.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, amend part 733 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows: