



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

AUG 28 1998

Office of the Assistant Secretary
AFBCMR 97-03595

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code and AFI 36-2603, and having assured compliance with the provisions of the above regulation, the decision of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records is announced, and it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] be corrected to show that on 13 May 1996, he elected spouse and child coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan, based on a reduced amount of \$884.00, and his spouse, [REDACTED], concurred in his election

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Pittenger".

DONNA PITTENGER
Chief Examiner
Air Force Board for Correction
of Military Records



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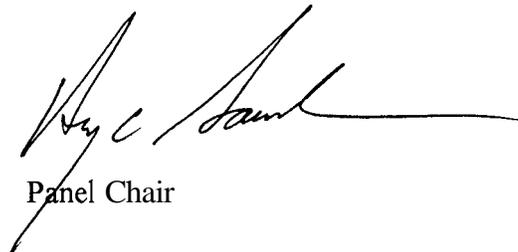
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MEMORANDUM OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BEFORE THE AFBCMR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Having carefully reviewed this application, we agree with the recommendation of the Air Force and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for our decision that the applicant has been the victim of either an error or an injustice. Therefore, under the authority delegated in AFI 36-2603, the applicant's records will be corrected as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum for the Chief of Staff signed by the Executive Director or his designee.



Panel Chair

Attachment
Ltr, AFPC/DPPTR dtd 31 Jul 98



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

31 JUL 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPTR
550 C St West Ste 11
Randolph AFB TX 778150-4713

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records

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Requested Correction: The applicant is requesting corrective action that would permit him to reduce his spouse and child coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

Basis for Request: The member claims that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service - Cleveland Center (DFAS-CL) misplaced his SBP election and established full SBP coverage instead of the reduced coverage he selected.

Background: The law controlling the SBP requires full coverage to be established when a member fails to make a valid SBP election prior to retirement.

Facts: The applicant was placed on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) effective 14 May 96. The DD Form 2656, Data for Payment of Retired Personnel, on file at DFAS-CL does not contain the SBP election. Absent a valid SBP election, the DFAS-CL established full spouse and child coverage to comply with the law.

Discussion: Although we cannot determine what level of coverage the member elected at the time of retirement, it would be inappropriate to penalize him because of an administrative error. The applicant has included a notarized statement signed by his wife, concurring in his request to decrease the SBP base amount.

Recommendation: We recommend that the member's record be corrected to reflect that on 13 May 96 he elected reduced spouse and child SBP coverage based on \$884. The approval memorandum should indicate the member's wife concurred with his election.

Pat Peek
PAT PEEK, DAFC
Chief, Retiree Services Branch
Directorate of Pers Program Management

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