



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

DJC
Docket No. 2727-08
23 September 2008

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO
[REDACTED]

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) HQMC Memo 1741 MMSR-6M dtd 5 Sep 08
(3) 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 he declined enrollment in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Zsalman, Mr. Pfeiffer, and Mr. George, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 22 September 2008 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 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

a. On 30 April 2005, the date of petitioner's retirement, petitioner was not married but did have eligible child SBP beneficiaries. He did not make a SBP election prior to his retirement and was therefore automatically enrolled in the "child" category of SBP.


b. Petitioner voluntarily elected to discontinue participation in the SBP by submitting a properly completed and timely DD Form 2656-2 Survivor Benefit Plan termination request, terminating the child coverage. The request was received and processed by cognizant authority and became effective 27 December 2007.

c. That so much of Petitioner's request for corrective action as exceeds the foregoing be denied for the reasons stated in enclosure (2).

d. A copy of this Report of Proceedings will be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

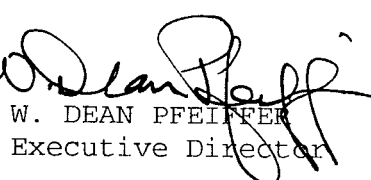
4. It is certified that quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder


WILLIAM J. HESS, III
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.

23 September 2008


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director