



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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BAN
Docket No. 01656-12
5 November 2012

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED]
USN (RET) (DECEASED), [REDACTED]

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Survivor Benefit Plan Program Manager Casualty
Assistance (OPNAV N135C) of 10 Sept 2012

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a) Subject's former spouse filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that the applicable naval record be corrected to show that Subject submitted a timely written request for conversion from spouse to former spouse coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) within one year of his divorce.

2. The Board, consisting of Messrs. Ruskin, Exnicios, and George, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 November 2012 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 Subject's naval record be corrected, where appropriate, as follows:

a. Subject executed a written request for conversion from souse to former spouse SBP coverage, at the same level of coverage as previously elected (reduced amount), naming [REDACTED] as the sole beneficiary. The request was received by cognizant authority and became effective 5 February 2004, the day following the date of divorce.

b. A copy of this Report of Proceedings will be filed in Subject's naval record.

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 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.

JONATHAN S. RUSKIN
Recorder



DAVID J. CASH
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.

5 November 2012

for Jonathan S. Ruskin
W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director