

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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> Docket No. 1112-21 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO XXX-XX-

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. §1552

(b) OPNAVINST 7220.17

(c) FY20 Navy Active Component Medical Service Corps Special Pay Guidance

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

- (2) BUMED memo 7220 Ser M1/21UM10036 of 15 Jul 21
- (3) Subject's naval record
- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a) Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting his/her naval record be corrected to establish entitlement to Optometry Incentive Pay (IP) from 11 May 2020 through 12 June 2020.
- 2. The Board, consisting of particles allegations of error and injustice on 2 November 2021 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, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, 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, found that, before applying to this Board, he exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:
- a. Petitioner executed BUPERS Mobilization Orders: in support of contingency operation COVID-19 outbreak response from 15 April 2020 through 7 July 2020.
- b. Petitioner granted privileges by proxy for 2020 through 20 June 2020.
- c. 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. In accordance with references (b) and (c), Petitioner met the eligibility criteria for Optometry IP. However, because of administrative oversight, Petitioner's Optometry IP package was not processed per reference (b); therefore, the Board felt that under these circumstances, relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner submitted Optometry IP request package in a timely manner, and was approved by cognizant authority.

This change will entitle Petitioner to Optometry IP with an annual rate of \$1,200 for the period of 11 May 2020 to 12 June 2020. Note: Defense Finance and Accounting Service will conduct an audit of Petitioner's pay records to determine Optometry IP entitlement.

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

- 4. 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.
- 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 the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

