



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 419-22  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED], USN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552  
(b) NAVADMIN 259/16  
(c) MILPERSMAN 1810-080

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments  
(2) OCNO memo 7220 Ser N130/22U134 of 24 Jan 22  
(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 that his naval record be corrected to establish enrollment into the Blended Retirement System (BRS) effective 30 May 2018 and retroactive Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) matching contributions.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 11 May 2022 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. On 18 September 2017, Petitioner enlisted in the Navy Reserve for a term of 8 years of which 4 years is an active duty obligation; this is Petitioner's date initially entered military service (DIEMS).

b. Petitioner's Active Duty Service Date is 30 May 2018.

c. Petitioner's Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System record reflects "1st Day Eligible to Elect" BRS was 12 June 2018.

d. On 28 July 2018, Petitioner completed BRS: Your Retirement System Training and Recruit Basic Military Training (boot-camp).

e. Petitioner completed accession pipeline training from 29 July 2018 through 6 September 2019.

f. On 10 September 2019, Petitioner reported to his first permanent duty station.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of enclosure (2)<sup>1</sup>, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. Petitioner met the eligibility criteria for BRS, however, failed to complete the election process as outlined in reference (b)<sup>2</sup>. The Board majority felt that Petitioner at a minimum should have inquired if he was automatically enrolled during or immediately after completing BRS training in July 2018. Therefore, under these circumstances, partial relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner is authorized to opt into BRS within 30 days of receiving this decision document.

The part of the Petitioner's request for corrective action that exceeds the foregoing is denied. Petitioner failed to provide evidence that prevented him from opting into BRS during the eligibility period of 25 July 2018 to 31 December 2018. Consequently, backdated BRS enrollment with TSP matching contributions is not authorized.

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.

6/10/2022

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Deputy Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]

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■ 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 partial favorable action.

<sup>2</sup> References (b) and (c), the BRS went into effect on 1 January 2018. Navy personnel who have a DIEMS on or after 1 January 2018 are automatically enrolled in the BRS. Active component members were eligible to opt-into BRS if serving on active duty on or before 31 December 2017. Additionally, these members had to have a DIEMS' date that was on or before 31 December 2017; served in a uniformed service for fewer than 12 years as calculated from their pay entry base date; and elected to enroll in the BRS from 1 January 2018 through 31 December 2018.