



The Board noted your spouse's record does not contain a copy of his original DD Form 2656, Data for Payment of Retired Personnel with spouse concurrence to decline participation in SBP from 1987. However, the Service and Defense Finance and Accounting Service both reflect a declined election; therefore, unlikely an improper election was accepted by two separate agencies. Moreover, upon retirement, retirees receive a monthly Retiree Account Statement that outlines pay descriptions to include SBP coverage information; consequently, the Board determined your spouse would have been reasonably aware that he was not paying SBP Spouse coverage premiums and that you were not an eligible beneficiary.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

5/3/2022

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Deputy Director

Signed by: 