

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 5857-23 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO ■

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552

(b) MILPERSMAN 1810-080

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

- (2) Advisory Opinion by OPNAV N130G, 12 Sep 23
- (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 provide a new opt-in window to enroll in the Blended Retirement System (BRS).
- 2. The Board, consisting of reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 27 September 2023 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 30 June 2016, Petitioner entered the U.S. Naval Academy as a Midshipman which established his date initially entered military service.
- b. On 7 May 2018, Petitioner completed the required BRS Opt-In Training. He accepted a regular commission and entered active duty on 22 May 2020, and his BRS election window was open from 2 June 2020 to 7 July 2020—completed a subsequent BRS Opt-In Training on 7 July 2023.
- c. In the advisory opinion, 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 partially favorable action, and your statement concerning these comments.

## 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 reference (b), Petitioner met the eligibility criteria for BRS, however failed to complete the election process during the BRS election window. The Board determined the issue with Petitioner not getting his common access card, limited services at the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System offices, and lack of adequate counseling to make the election during the aforementioned period resulted in him not making a timely election. Therefore, the Board determined that under these circumstances, relief is warranted.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner is authorized to irrevocably opt into BRS within 45 days of receiving this decision document. Note: Petitioner is directed to contact MyNavy Career Center for assistance with opting into BRS within 45 days of receiving this decision document.

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.

