



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7472-23
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] (RET)

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) DODFMR, Vol 7B, Chp 43

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) 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 reflect declined participation in Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 22 November 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 26 October 2003, Petitioner married [REDACTED].

b. On 11 October 2022, Petitioner signed DD Form 2656, Data for Payment of Retired Personnel, electing to decline participation in SBP but failed to answer whether he had eligible dependents under the plan. Petitioner's spouse signed the form before a notary witness the same day concurring with Petitioner's declined election.

c. Petitioner transferred to the Fleet Reserve effective 1 January 2023 and SBP Spouse only premium deductions began because Defense Finance and Accounting Services did not receive Petitioner's DD Form 2656, Data for Payment of Retired Personnel until 4 May 2023.

d. On 18 October 2023, Petitioner and spouse signed SBP Affidavit before a notary witness requesting to decline SBP coverage.

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CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded Petitioner provided sufficient evidence to reflect his and spouse's desire to decline SBP coverage prior to transferring to the Fleet Reserve. Although the proper administrative requirements were not completed, the Board determined that under this circumstance, relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner properly elected to decline participation in SBP with spouse concurrence prior to transferring to the Fleet Reserve effective 1 January 2023.

Note: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will complete an audit of Petitioner's records to determine if Petitioner is due any back pay.

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.

11/29/2023

