

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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

> Docket No. 8710-23 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD , USN,

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552

(b) NAVADMIN 108/20, 15 Apr 20

(c) FY22 SRB Award Plan (N13 SRB 005/FY22), 23 Sep 22

(d) FY23 SRB Award Plan (N13 SRB 001/FY23), 26 Oct 22

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

(2) Advisory opinion by OCNO N133D, 28 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 cancel operative/non-operative extension and show that Petitioner reenlisted on 15 March 2023 for 4 years and was eligible for and received a Zone B Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB).
- 2. The Board, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 23 January 2024 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. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:
- a. On 14 March 2017, Petitioner entered active duty for 4 years with an End of Active Obligated Service (EAOS) of 13 March 2021 and Soft EAOS (SEAOS) of 13 March 2023; "Training in the Nuclear Field. MILPERSMAN 1510-030 and MILPERSMAN 1306-500, 1306-502, and 1306-504 (NF) are governing directives. Advancement to Rate and Grade per MILPERSMAN 1430-010. I understand that this extension of active service becomes binding upon execution, and thereafter may not be canceled, except as set forth in MILPERSMAN 1160-040 and 1510-030. In particular, I understand that when I accept advancement to E4, 12 months

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of this agreement may not be canceled whether or not I complete Nuclear Power or Advanced Training."
b. In January 2019, Petitioner was awarded Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) N14O.
c. On 14 March 2019, Petitioner transferred from and arrived to on 9 April 2019 for duty.
d. On 7 December 2019, Petitioner reenlisted for 6 years with an EAOS of 6 December 2025 and received a Zone A SRB.
e. In accordance with reference (b), this NAVADMIN announced revised SRB policy for Active Component and Full Time Support, superseding NAVADMIN 272/19. Sailors must now have reenlisted within 365 days of their EAOS (as opposed to 270 days required in NAVADMIN 272/19), except in the case of Nuclear-trained Sailors who could have reenlisted at any point in the reenlistment zone, per guidance in OPNAVINST 1160.8B.
f. In October 2020, Petitioner was awarded NEC N41Z. In July 2021, Petitioner was awarded NEC N14S.
g. On 6 June 2022, Petitioner's Master Military Pay Account shows that Petitioner's Submarine Pay stopped.
h. On 30 July 2022, Petitioner got married.
i. In accordance with reference (c), FY22 SRB Award Plan (N13 SRB 005/FY22), a Zone "B" SRB with an award level of 8.5 (\$100,000 award ceiling) for the EMN(SS)/N14O/S rate/NEC was listed.
j. On 5 October 2022, Petitioner was issued official change duty orders (BUPERS order: 2782) with required obligated service to May 2026, while stationed in with an effective date of departure of April 2023. Petitioner's ultimate activity was for duty with an effective date of arrival of 25 May 2023 with a Projected Rotation Date of May 2026. Obligated service to May 2026 is required for this assignment which may be satisfied by reenlistment or extension of enlistment. Circumstances such as potential monetary loss under critical skills bonus or SRB, refer to

k. In accordance with reference (d), FY23 SRB Award Plan (N13 SRB 001/FY23), a Zone "B" SRB with an award level of 8.5 (\$100,000 award ceiling) for the EMN(SS)/N14O/S rate/NEC was listed.

sailors.

MILPERSMAN 1306-106 para 4. Use of NAVPERS 1070/613 only authorized for SRB eligible

1. On 12 February 2023, Petitioner signed an agreement to extend enlistment for 5 months with a SEAOS of 6 May 2026 in order to incur obligated service to execute BUPERS order 2782.

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- m. On 14 March 2023, Petitioner entered Zone B.
- n. On 17 April 2023, Petitioner transferred from on 17 May 2023 for duty.
- o. In June 2023, Petitioner was awarded NEC 805A.
- p. On 18 January 2024, Petitioner's Benefits for Education Administrative Service Tool listed no dependents.
- q. 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 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. The Board concluded that on 5 October 2022, Petitioner was issued official change duty orders (BUPERS order: 2782) with required obligated service to May 2026. At that time, a Zone B SRB was authorized in accordance with reference (c), however Petitioner was still in Zone A. On 12 February 2023, Petitioner signed an agreement to extend enlistment for 5 months to meet the OBLISERV. On 14 March 2023, Petitioner entered Zone B. The Board determined that Petitioner should have signed a NAVPERS 1070/613 vice extension of enlistment. On 15 March 2023, Petitioner would have been eligible to reenlist for 4 years and receive a Zone B SRB. Furthermore, Petitioner would have been eligible to transfer his education benefits to his dependents if he so chooses.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's 5-month agreement to extend enlistment (NAVPERS 1070/621) executed on 12 February 2023 is null and void.

Petitioner executed an Administrative Remarks (NAVPERS 1070/613) on 12 February 2023 agreeing to extend enlistment for 5 months for OBLISERV to May 2026.

Petitioner was discharged 14 March 2023 and reenlisted on 15 March 2023 for a term of 4 years.

Note: This change will entitle Petitioner to a Zone "B" SRB with an award level of "8.5" (\$100,000 award ceiling) for the EMN(SS)/N14S rating/NEC. Remaining obligated service to 6 December 2025 will be deducted from SRB computation. Additionally, Navy Personnel Command is authorized to align transfer of education benefits with the 15 March 2023 reenlistment upon Petitioner's request. Furthermore, that any other entries affected by the Board's recommendation be corrected.

The Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR) will <u>not</u> take any action with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) for the SRB payment. Petitioner's SRB payment will <u>not</u> be funded by the BCNR's Claims Line of Accounting (LOA).

at N133D has secured funding via unexecuted SRB funds and will use their LOA to pay the SRB payment, and will coordinate directly with the DFAS to determine Petitioner's incentive. Contact the Assistant Nuclear Enlisted Program Manager, N133D, concerning SRB payment.

That 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.

