

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-01302

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NOT INDICATED

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He received the remaining payments of an erroneous Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) that was included with his 1 March 2017, 5 year and 9-month reenlistment.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) approved the SRB before his deployment to xxx in 2017. The SRB list changed and removed the Zone A on 23 February 2017. The MPF advised that he was still entitled to the SRB before the reenlistment date of 1 March 2017. A debt was put in for the SRB that was initially paid out. He submitted a remission case to the Secretary of the Air Force Remission Board and his case was approved on 21 December 2018. He was able to keep the initial 50 percent payment of \$12,160.49 that was paid at the time of reenlistment. The board indicated he signed the enlistment contract in good faith.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a currently serving Air Force technical sergeant (E-6).

On 8 September 2011, according to DD Form 4/1, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant enlisted in the Air Force for a period of 8 years.

The following documents were provided by the applicant:

AF Form 901, *Reenlistment Eligibility Annex to DD Form 4*, dated 10 January 2017, Section E (Certification by Members Authorized SRB), reflect the applicant understood he would be paid a Zone A, Multiple 2.0 bonus based on 5 years of continued service in the 2A752 AFSC.

On 1 March 2017, according to DD Form 4/1, the applicant reenlisted in the Air Force for a period of 5 years and 9 months in the grade of senior airman.

According to SAF/MRB Remission of Indebtedness Memorandum, dated 21 December 2018, the applicant requested remission of indebtedness for a \$12,160.49 payment on 17 March 2017. The debt resulted from an erroneous SRB payment when he was not entitled. The Board determined a remission was in the best interest of the United States. The evidence indicated that the process was completed erroneously by the Military Personnel Section and AFPC. The board believed the applicant signed the enlistment contract in good faith and his request for remission was approved.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B and the advisory at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP2SSM recommends denying the application. The Zone A SRB the applicant received was not authorized when he reenlisted on 1 May 2017. His 2A752 career field for Zone A was removed from the SRB list effective 23 February 2017. When it was discovered, he was not eligible for the SRB, a debt was established to recoup the initial 50 percent payment of \$12,160.49. The applicant applied for remission of debt, which was approved so he got to keep the initial payment. When the debt was initially established, his contract was also changed to remove the erroneous SRB and future payments were removed from the system. The applicant believes he is entitled to the other half of the SRB (approximately \$12,160.49) based on the Remissions Board approval. However, the Remissions Board only approved remission of the initial payment, and goes on to state, "The debt resulted from an erroneous payment Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) when you were not entitled" and clearly does not authorize the applicant to receive additional SRB money.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 25 August 2022 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was timely filed.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is not the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DP2SSM and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, and the Board will reconsider the application only upon receipt of relevant evidence not already presented.

CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2022-01302 in Executive Session on 5 October 2022:

, Chair, AFBCMR
, Panel Member
, Panel Member

All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 5 May 2022.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP2SSM, dated 8 June 2022.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 25 August 2022.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.11.9.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR