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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-01273

Work-Product

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His 2 February 2023 reenlistment for 4 years and 20 months be changed to an 18-month extension.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He initiated a reenlistment as he intended to meet an ADSC incurred by training. The ADSC would require him to extend until 26 April 2026. He elected to reenlist rather than extend as he mistakenly believed he was eligible for a Zone B SRB. He already used Zone B, rendering him ineligible. This fact was not noted by *Work-Product*, and he was erroneously approved for Zone B as indicated on his AF Form 901. He was informed of the error on 28 February 2023 by the base MPF. The terms of his new contract resulted in a date of separation (DOS) of 1 October 2028, resulting in an excessive retention requirement of 2 years and 6 months beyond what his ADSC would require if he had extended. This additional obligation was agreed upon under the assumption that he would be compensated for his commitment to greater service and was wrongfully approved by the base MPF.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a currently serving Air Force staff sergeant (E-5).

On 7 May 2013, according to DD Form 4/1, the applicant enlisted in the Air Force for a period of 6 years in the grade of airman first class (E-3).

On 2 February 2023, according to DD Form 4/1, the applicant reenlisted in the Air Force for a period of 4 years and 20-months in the grade of staff sergeant (E-5).

On 18 January 2023, according to AF Form 901, *Reenlistment Eligibility Annex to DD Form 4*, the applicant signed Section V, *Certification by Members Authorized Selective Retention Bonus (SRB)*, which states, "I also understand I will be paid a Zone B, Multiple 4.5 bonus based on 4 years of continued service in the 1B471 Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC): (SRB will be up to 24 years TAFMS max)."

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMSSM recommends granting the application. The applicant was selected for the Air Force Basic Operator Course in January 2023, that required a 36-month commitment from the Class Graduation Date (CGD) of 19 April 2023. The applicant's date of separation at that time was 9 October 2024, so he only needed 18 more months of retainability to have the required 36 months from CGD. The applicant was erroneously counseled that he was entitled to a zone B SRB if he reenlisted for 4 years and 20 months; the 20 months was remaining obligated service from his previous reenlistment. After reenlisting on 2 February 2023 for 4 years and 20 months, the applicant was counseled he was not eligible for the zone B SRB and it would be removed from his contract as he had already received a zone B SRB; airmen can only receive one SRB per zone. It is clear the applicant was miscounseled that he was eligible for the zone B SRB as it had to be removed from his contract after he had already reenlisted.

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 10 July 2023 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 the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DPMSSM and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

RECOMMENDATION

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show:

- a. On 9 May 2019, he extended his 4 year and 17 month reenlistment for 18 months. Establishing a new date of separation of 8 April 2026.
- b. The 4 year and 2 month reenlistment executed on 2 February 2023 be voided.

CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2023-01273 in Executive Session on 31 August 2023:

- Work-Product* [redacted], Panel Chair
- Work-Product* [redacted], Panel Member
- Work-Product* [redacted], Panel Member

All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 16 April 2023.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, AFPC/DPMSSM, dated 7 July 2023.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 10 July 2023.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

5/1/2024

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: *Work-Product* [redacted]