

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 21 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008578

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his records to show he enlisted for the early ship bonus and the critical skill military occupational specialty bonus.

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- College Transcript

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.

2. The applicant states, in pertinent part:

- On 3 July 2017, he enlisted in the Army in the MOS of 74D (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Specialist)
- He was qualified for a \$20,000 enlistment bonus
- The guidance counselor at the Military Entrance Processing Station did not put the enlistment bonuses on his enlistment contract
- He chose the MOS he is in for the bonus
- Upon arrival at his first duty assignment, he brought the error to the attention of the retention noncommissioned officer

3. The applicant provides his college transcript issued on 28 June 2017 which shows he had a total of 15 college credits earned.

4. The applicant's service record shows he enlisted in the Regular Army and entered active duty on 3 July 2017 for a period of 3 years and 22 weeks. His MOS is 74D. His service record is void of documentation showing he enlisted for bonuses.

5. On 11 April 2025, the Chief, Enlisted Incentive Branch, G-1 provided an advisory opinion, which states G-1 recommends partial relief of the applicant's request to the effect of \$12,000. He signed his enlistment contract on 10 May 2017 and on 3 July 2017, he shipped to basic training a count of 54 days. He was qualified for the Quick Ship/Seasonal Bonus in the amount of \$6,000. He enlisted in the critical skill MOS of 74D and was eligible for the critical skill bonus in the amount of \$6,000. G-1's review concluded he has met all requirements for the bonuses and if granted relief, should receive the full amount of \$12,000.

6. On 14 April 2025, the advisory opinion was provided to the applicant to allow him the opportunity to respond. The applicant has not provided a response to date.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that partial relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's request, available military records and the Chief, Enlisted Incentive Branch, G-1 advisory opinion, the Board concurred with the advisory official recommendation for partial relief finding the applicant was qualified for the Quick Ship/Seasonal Bonus in the amount of \$6,000 and enlisted in the critical skill MOS of 74D, eligible for the critical skill bonus in the amount of \$6,000.

2. The Board noted regulatory guidance states the bonus amount for an individual enlisting the MOS of 74D for 3 years was \$6,000, and the applicant served approximately three years. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief, a total of \$12,000.00.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined that the evidence presented was sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends the applicant be reimbursed for a partial final critical skill military occupational specialty bonus of \$6,000.00 and the early ship bonus of \$6000.00.

2. The Board further determined that the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to any relief in excess of \$12,000.00.

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CHAIRPERSON

I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.

2. Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) Message 17-08 (Enlistment Incentive Program) effective 21 April 2017 states, quick ship/seasonal bonuses (QS/SB) are limited to non-prior service (NPS) new contracts only. The QS/SB amount will be determined by request and will not exceed \$20,000. The U.S. Army high-priority seasonal bonus is 0-30 days, mid-priority is 31-60 days, and priority is 61-90 days. An enlistment bonus is available to NPS applicants. The bonus amount for an individual enlisting the MOS of 74D for 3 years was \$6,000.

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