



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

DJC
Docket No. 11490-08
24 February 2009

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) NPC Memo dtd 30 Jan 09
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a) Subject's former spouse, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that the applicable naval record be corrected to show enrollment in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) during the open period of 1999-2000.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Zsalman, and Mr. Exnicios, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 23 February 2009 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, naval records, 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, finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. In correspondence 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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

a. Subject, [REDACTED] submitted a properly completed Survivor Benefit Plan Open Enrollment Election (DD Form 2656-3) requesting "spouse and child" coverage at the full base amount for the following Beneficiaries: [REDACTED] (spouse), and [REDACTED] (child). The request was received by cognizant Authority on 3 February 2000.

b. Subject, [REDACTED] died on 4 September 2008.

c. Petitioner, [REDACTED] is responsible to pay the "buy in" costs that are due as a result of the "open season election" above. These costs include the amount that would have become due if he had elected the full base amount at his first opportunity to elect SBP coverage when he retired on 1 February 1978 as well as interest and other amounts necessary to protect the actuarial soundness of the Retirement Fund. The total sum of costs and method of payment will be determined by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. No annuity will be paid to Petitioner until the entire amount is reimbursed. No waiver of costs, premiums, interest or other amount will be granted.

d. A copy of this Report of Proceedings will be filed in Subject's naval record.

4. It is certified that 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.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder


WILLIAM J. HESS, III
Acting Recorder

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 reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

24 February 2009


For W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director