



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 02483-10
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case summary
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy Reserve, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his record be corrected to show that he had qualified for transfer to the Navy Retired Reserve vice being discharged on 24 June 2001.
2. The Board, consisting of Ms. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 6 April 2010 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. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.
 - c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the Navy Reserve where he served until he was discharged on 24 June 2001. At that time, he was credited with 19 years, 11 months and 5 days of qualifying service for reserve retirement.

d. With his application, he forwarded a copy of a letter from the Navy Personnel Command, stating that Petitioner's request for retired pay was denied because he had not completed at least 20 years of qualifying service. In his retirement year ending 23 June 2001, he only earned 15 points. A reservist is required to earn 50 points for a satisfactory year.

e. The Board did not request an advisory opinion in this case. However, the Board is aware that the Navy Personnel Command has routinely recommended corrective action when an individual is qualified for reserve retirement and was discharged prior to requesting transfer to the Retired Reserve.

f. The Uniform Retirement Date Act, 5 U.S.C. 8301, requires that the effective date of any retirement be the first day of the month following the date of separation.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. He was in good standing in the Navy Reserve and would have been retired if he had 20 qualifying years and had requested it prior to the expiration of his enlistment. Since it appears that he may not have understood all of his options to earn points and his case may have not received sufficient attention, the Board concludes that his record should be corrected to show that he is qualified for reserve retirement pay at age 60. Therefore, the Board finds that sufficient retirement points from the excess over 50 points in anniversary year ending 22 June 1992 should be transferred into the anniversary year ending 23 June 2001, thus making that a qualifying year for reserve retirement. He should then be transferred to the Navy Retired Reserve and eligible to receive retired reserve pay at age 60. Finally, given the requirements of the Uniform Retirement Date Act, the retirement should be effective on 1 July 2001 vice the discharge date of 24 June 2001, now of record.

The Board further concludes that this Report of Proceedings should be filed in Petitioner's naval record so that all future reviewers will understand his status in the Navy Retired Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That 35 retirement points be transferred from the excess over 50 points in anniversary year ending 23 June 1992 into the anniversary year beginning ending 23 June 2001, to make that a

qualifying year for reserve retirement. His total will now be 20 yrs, 11 months and 5 days of qualifying service, and making him eligible to receive reserve retired pay at age 60.

b. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that he transferred to the Navy Retired Reserve effective 1 July 2001, in the rate of AE2 (paygrade E-5), vice being discharged on 24 June 2001, now of record.

c. That this Report of Proceedings be filed in his naval record.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c) 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.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder


BRIAN J. GEORGE
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 Regulation, 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.


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director