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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

DJC Docket No. NR4869-13 26 Nov 13

Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records From:

Secretary of the Navy To:

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

(2) NPC Memo dtd 30 Sep 13

(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a) Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that the applicable naval record be corrected to show he Petitioner declined enrollment in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) as he was not married.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Zsalman, and Mr. George, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 25 November 2013 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 Petitioner's naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that:

- a. Petitioner declined participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) prior to his 30 April 2009 transfer to the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL). He was not married at the time.
- b. Note: this change is being made because of evidence that Petitioner was previously automatically enrolled in SBP without the benefit of proper counseling.
- c. A copy of this Report of Proceedings will be filed in Petitioner'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 BRONTE I. MONTE MERY 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.

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