



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 489-17
MAY 07 2017

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO
[REDACTED] USN RET, [REDACTED]

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) 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 the Petitioner declined enrollment in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 23 March 2017 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. On 3 August 2016, Petitioner's spouse signed a DD Form 2656 declining SBP coverage. Petitioner did not know that he had to sign the form as well for it to be accepted, and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) automatically enrolled Petitioner in maximum SBP coverage for his spouse.

c. On 30 September 2016, Petitioner transferred to the Fleet Reserve.

d. On 25 October 2016, Petitioner resubmitted a DD Form 2656 declining coverage with spouse consent, but DFAS rejected the form because it was after retirement.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, especially in light of the fact that an administrative error caused the automatic enrollment in SBP coverage, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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

a. Prior to his 30 September 2016 transfer to the Fleet Reserve, Petitioner declined enrollment in SBP with spouse concurrence. Any other election or declination executed by Petitioner is null and void.

b. 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.

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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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Executive Director