



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 619-24
Ref: Signature Date

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

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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) DoD 7000.14-R
(c) DD Form 2656

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 the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his naval record be corrected to reflect declined participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

2. The Board, consisting of █, and █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 28 August 2024 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, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, 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, found that, before applying to this Board, she exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:

a. On 30 June 2007, Petitioner married █ and had two children: █
█ born on █ and █ born on █.

b. On 27 March 2023, Petitioner's spouse signed DD Form 2656, Data for Payment of Retired Personnel concurring with spouse's SBP election; however, Petitioner did not sign the form until 28 March 2023.

c. Petitioner transferred to the Retired List effective 1 September 2023 and automatically enrolled in SBP Spouse coverage as a result of spouse signing DD Form 2656, Data for Payment of Retired Personnel before Petitioner.

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d. On 17 January 2024, in an effort to decline SBP, Petitioner requested Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) provide him a copy of DD Form 2656-8, Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) – Automatic Coverage Fact Sheet because he was unable to download to his computer.

e. On 21 February 2024, Petitioner signed DD Form 2656-8, Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) – Automatic Coverage Fact Sheet and submitted to DFAS on 22 February 2024 for processing.

f. On 16 August 2024, Petitioner and spouse signed SBP Affidavit before a notary witness requesting to decline SBP coverage.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded Petitioner provided sufficient evidence to reflect his and spouse's desire to decline SBP coverage prior to transferring to the Retired List. Although the proper administrative requirements were not completed, the Board determined that under this circumstance, relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner elected to decline participation in SBP with proper spouse concurrence prior to transferring to the Fleet Reserve effective 1 September 2023.

Note: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will complete an audit of Petitioner's pay records to determine amounts due, if any.

That a copy of this report of proceedings will be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. 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 titled matter.

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

9/19/2024

