

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 1273-24 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO, USNR,

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552

(b) MILPERSMAN 1133-061

(c) FY23 SELRES Enlisted Recruiting and Retention Incentives Program

(d) ALNAVRESFOR 009/23, 24 Mar 23

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

(2) Advisory Opinion by CNRFC (N1), 20 Feb 24

(3) 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 establish entitlement to a Prior Service Enlistment Bonus by changing his 14 June 2023 reenlistment term of 3 years to 6 years.
- 2. The Board, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 1 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, he exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:
  - a. On 13 June 2013, Petitioner entered active duty.
- b. On 17 May 2023, Petitioner signed "Statement of Understanding and Election of SELRES [Selected Reserve] Bonus (Prior Service Enlistment Bonus/Prior Service Affiliation Bonus)" NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks accepting a Prior Service Affiliation Bonus base on a 3-year SELRES service obligation. Additionally, Petitioner signed "[SELRES] Affiliation Counseling" NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks acknowledging "Affiliation Bonus: Accepting any enlisted reserve affiliation bonus incurs a minimum 3-year SELRES drill obligation. IAW [in accordance with] current NAVRESFOR [Navy Reserve Force] 013/16 msg [message], I am [circled] or am not currently bonus eligible (circle one). NAVRES [Navy Reserve] written agreement for the Navy Reserve Affiliation Bonus shall be processed by the gaining NOSC [Navy Operational Support Center]."

- c. On 13 June 2023, Petitioner discharged from active duty in the rate/paygrade of Machinist Mate, Nuclear Power First Class/E-6.
- d. On 14 June 2023, Petitioner reenlisted in the Navy Reserve for 3 years via the Career Transition Office, under the Prior Service Reenlistment Eligibility- Reserve program, in the Intelligence Specialist rating and gained to a SELRES unit.
- e. In the advisory opinion, 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 to receive the Prior Service Enlistment Bonus does not have merit unless the contract date is changed to a 6-year term.

## 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 error warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded had Petitioner received adequate counseling, he would have reenlisted for 6 years to meet the obligation required for the Prior Service Enlistment Bonus. Therefore, the Board determined that under this circumstance, relief is warranted.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner reenlisted in the Navy Reserve on 14 June 2023 for 6 years vice 3 years.

This change will entitle Petitioner to a Tier 1, \$20,000 Prior Service Enlistment Bonus.

Note: Contract

Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command (N1C2)

concerning payment.

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-entitled 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.

