

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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

> Docket No. 2463-24 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO

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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552

(b) MARADMIN 278/23, 31 May 23

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

- (2) Advisory Opinion by HQMC memo 5420 MMEA, 18 Mar 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 show Petitioner was eligible for and received Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) E-6 Selective Retention Bonus for Primary Military Occupational Specialty (PMOS) 3529 Zone B in the amount of \$8,600.
- 2. The Board, consisting of property, and previewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 18 July 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. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:
  - a. On 15 October 2013, Petitioner entered active duty.
- b. On 3 August 2017, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years with an Expiration of Current Contract of 2 August 2021.
- c. On 16 March 2020, Petitioner executed an agreement to extend enlistment for 27 months with an End of Active Service (EAS) of 2 November 2023.
  - d. On 1 November 2021, Petitioner was promoted to Staff Sergeant/E-6.

e. In accordance with reference (b), "[t]his MARADMIN announces the Selective Retention Bonus (SRB) Program and the Broken Service SRB (BSSRB) Program authorized for the FY24 retention campaign which begins 1 June 2023. Marines with an Expiration of Current Contract (ECC) from 1 October 23 to 30 September 24 are encouraged to thoroughly review the contents of this MARADMIN.

Zone B applies to those active component Marines with 6 to 10 years of active military service. Marines with exactly 10 years of active service on the date of reenlistment may be paid a Zone B PMOS bonus if they have not previously received a Zone B PMOS bonus." Furthermore, a zone "B" SRB for MOS 3529CP, E-6 and above, which is capped at \$8,600 for 48 months of additional obligated service was authorized.

- f. On 6 September 2023, Petitioner's Careerist Active-Duty Reenlistment request was submitted requesting a 48 month reenlistment and Zone B SRB. Career Planner Comments: "SNM is eligible for a zone B SRB however SNM will cross ten year mark on 15 October 2023."
- g. On 3 October 2023, Petitioner executed an agreement to extend enlistment for 9 months with an EAS of 2 August 2024.
  - h. On 15 October 2023, Petitioner entered Zone C.
- i. On 8 November 2023, Petitioner's request was approved by Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC).
  - j. On 9 November 2023, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years with an ECC of 8 November 2027.
- k. 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 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. Board concluded that Petitioner's reenlistment application for 48 months was submitted to HQMC on 6 September 2023. However, in accordance with enclosure (2), it was held due to lack of funding available for the SRB. Petitioner crossed into Zone C on 15 October 2023. There is no Zone C SRB available for PMOS 3529. Petitioner's reenlistment was ultimately approved on 8 November 2023 and executed on 9 November 2023 without SRB. Availability of SRB funding likely would have prevented this issue.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner was discharged and reenlisted on 12/13 October 2023 vice 8/9 November 2023 for a term of 4 years and 10 months vice 4 years.

Note: This change will entitle the member to a zone "B" SRB for MOS 3529CP, E-6 and above, which is capped at \$8,600 for 48 months of additional obligated service. Remaining obligated service to 2 November 2023 will be deducted from SRB computation.

Note: The Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR) will <u>not</u> take any action with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for the SRB payment. Petitioner's SRB payment will <u>not</u> be funded by the BCNR's Claims Line of Accounting (LOA). HQMC will secure funding via unexecuted SRB funds and will use their LOA to pay the SRB payment.

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.

