



Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) requesting to suspend your SBP coverage indicating, “[w]hen I was completing my process to retire from the Marine Corps after 30 years of service. I was not informed that my contribution to the survivors benefit plan would be over 6% of my gross pay. My wife and I have decided we don’t need the benefit plan and we’re electing to the suspend the coverage.” Attached to your letter, the DFAS received a partial DD Form 2656-6, Survivor Benefit Plan Election Change Certificate. The DFAS records indicate you only submitted DD Form 2656-6 (BACK) showing you were electing to suspend coverage signed by you in block 14 on 5 February 2024, and block 16 indicating your witness was a Notary Public named ■ with no witness date annotated in block 16.c. Furthermore, there was no evidence of your spouse’s notarized concurrence to your suspension request. The DFAS denied your request to suspend SBP coverage on 26 February 2024 because you did not meet the prescribed time to discontinue coverage.

The Board determined that a change to your record is not warranted and advised that you may discontinue SBP coverage by submitting DD Form 2656-2, Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Termination Request to the DFAS, within 25 to 36 months after receiving retired pay effective 1 January 2024.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

10/25/2024

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