

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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

> Docket No. 3879-24 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552

(b) NAVADMIN 108/20, 15 Apr 20

(c) FY21 SRB Award Plan (N13SRB 005/FY21), 9 Aug 21

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

(2) Advisory opinion by OCNO N133D, 28 Sep 23

(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 cancel operative/non-operative extension and show that Petitioner reenlisted on 5 November 2021 for 4 years, was eligible for and received a Zone B Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB).
- 2. The Board, consisting of reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 1 October 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 4 November 2015, Petitioner entered active duty for 4 years with an End of Active Obligated Service (EAOS) of 3 November 2019 and Soft EAOS (SEAOS) of 4 November 2021; "[t]raining in the Nuclear Field Program, and advancement to E-4 per MILPERSMAN Articles 1160-040 and 1510-030. I understand that this extension becomes binding upon execution, and thereafter may not be cancelled, except as set forth MILPERSMAN Article 1160-040. In particular, I understand that, when I accept advancement to E-4, 12 months of this agreement may not be cancelled, whether or not I complete Nuclear Power or Advanced Training."

 b. On 11 December 2017, Petitioner transferred from on 11 December 2017 for duty. and arrived to

- c. On 30 November 2018, Petitioner reenlisted for 6 years with an EAOS of 29 November 2024 and received a Zone A SRB.
- d. In accordance with reference (b), this NAVADMIN announced revised SRB policy for Active Component and Full Time Support, superseding NAVADMIN 272/19. Sailors must now have reenlisted within 365 days of their EAOS (as opposed to 270 days required in NAVADMIN 272/19), except in the case of Nuclear-trained Sailors who could have reenlisted at any point in the reenlistment zone, per guidance in OPNAVINST 1160.8B.
  - e. In December 2020, Petitioner was awarded Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) N23S.
- f. In accordance with reference (c), FY21 SRB Award Plan (N13SRB 005/FY21), a Zone "B" SRB with an award level of 8.0 (\$100,000 award ceiling) for the ETN(SW)/N23O/S, rate/NEC was listed.
- g. On 16 August 2021, Petitioner was issued official change duty orders (BUPERS order: 2281) with required obligated service to April 2025 with an effective date of departure of November 2021. Petitioner's intermediate (01) activity was for temporary duty under instruction with an effective date of arrival of 13 December 2021. Petitioner's ultimate activity was for duty with an effective date of arrival of 2 April 2022 with a projected rotation date of April 2025. Obligated service to April 2025, is required for this assignment which may be satisfied by reenlistment or extension of enlistment. Circumstances such as potential monetary loss under critical skills bonus or SRB, refer to MILPERSMAN 1306-106 para 4. Use of NAVPERS 1070/613 only authorized for SRB eligible sailors.
- h. On 13 September 2021, Petitioner signed an agreement to extend enlistment for 5 months with an SEAOS of 29 April 2025 in order to incur sufficient obligated service to execute orders 2281.
  - i. On 4 November 2021, Petitioner entered Zone B.
- j. On 15 November 2021, Petitioner transferred from and arrived to on 14 December 2021 for temporary duty.

  k. On 2 April 2022, Petitioner transferred from and arrived to on 2 April 2022 for duty.
- 1. In June 2022, Petitioner was awarded NEC 805A. In June 2024, Petitioner was awarded NEC N33Z.

## **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. The Board concluded that on 16 August 2021, Petitioner was issued orders 2281 with required obligated service to April 2025. At that time, a Zone B SRB was authorized in accordance with reference (c), however Petitioner was still in Zone A. On 13 September 2021, Petitioner signed an agreement to extend enlistment for 5 months to meet the obligated service. On 4 November 2021, Petitioner entered Zone B. The Board determined that Petitioner could have reenlisted upon entering

Zone B in accordance with reference (b) and would have been eligible to reenlist for 4 years and receive a Zone B SRB on 5 November 2021.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's 5-month agreement to extend enlistment (NAVPERS 1070/621) executed on 13 September 2021 is null and void.

Petitioner was discharged 4 November 2021 and reenlisted on 5 November 2021 for a term of 4 years.

Note: This change will entitle Petitioner to a Zone "B" SRB with an award level of "8.0" (\$100,000 award ceiling) for the ETN(SW)/N23S, rating/NEC. Remaining obligated service to 29 November 2024 will be deducted from SRB computation. Furthermore, that any other entries affected by the Board's recommendation be corrected.

The Board for Correction of Naval Records (BCNR) will <u>not</u> take any action with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) for the SRB payment. Petitioner's SRB payment will <u>not</u> be funded by the BCNR's Claims Line of Accounting (LOA). at N133D has secured funding via unexecuted SRB funds and will use their LOA to pay the SRB payment, and will coordinate directly with the DFAS to determine Petitioner's incentive. Contact the Assistant Nuclear Enlisted Program Manager, N133D, concerning SRB 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.

