

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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> Docket No. 12181-24 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD

USMC

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552

(b) MARADMIN 278/23, 31 May 23 (c) MARADMIN 164/24, 1 Apr 24

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments

- (2) Advisory Opinion by HQMC memo 5420 MMEA, 10 Jan 25
- (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 that Petitioner was eligible for and received a zone C Selective Retention bonus (SRB).
- 2. The Board, consisting of ______, and _____ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 29 May 2025 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 26 July 2010, Petitioner entered active duty.
- b. On 17 February 2012, Petitioner was assigned Primary Military Occupational Specialties (PMOS) 2629 and ADMOS1 2768. On 5 November 2012, Petitioner was assigned ADMOS2 8071.
 - c. On 1 March 2021, Petitioner was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant/E-7.
- d. On 24 July 2021, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years with an Expiration of Current Contract (ECC) of 23 July 2025.

- e. Reference (b) announced the SRB Program and the Broken Service SRB Program authorized for the FY24 retention campaign which begins 1 June 2023. Marines with an ECC from 1 October 23 to 30 September 24 are encouraged to thoroughly review the contents of this MARADMIN. Zone C applies to those active component Marines with 10 to 14 years of active military service. Marines with exactly 14 years of active service on the date of reenlistment may be paid a zone C PMOS bonus if they have not previously received a zone C PMOS bonus. Furthermore, a zone C SRB for PMOS 2629, E-7 and above, which is capped as \$30,000 for 48 months of additional obligated service was authorized.
- f. Reference (c) announced changes to reference (b). This update to the FY24 SRB Program supports the Service's evolving retention culture based on Fleet Marine Force requirements, providing Marines with proven performance and desired skills an opportunity to reenlist earlier in their careers. This MARADMIN broadens the reenlistment eligible population and provides amplified kicker information as detailed below: 3.a.(1). Marines whose expiration of current contract is in FY24 and FY25 (1 October 2023 to 30 September 2025).
- g. On 14 July 2024, Petitioner's Careerist Active Duty Reenlistment request was submitted requesting a 48 month reenlistment and zone C SRB.
- h. On 15 July 2024, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC) MMEA notified Petitioner that, "[d]ue to the unfortunate timing of your submission and the lack of FY funding, your RELM cannot be approved without the SRB funds tied to it. For your Bonus zone Change, you may/will need to submit a BCNR to receive your money at a later time. We expedited your RELM, but the lack of funds stopped it."
 - i. On 26 July 2024, Petitioner entered zone D.
 - j. On 9 December 2024, HOMC approved Petitioner's request. Approved MOS 2629.
- k. On 12 December 2024, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years and 8 months with an ECC of 11 August 2029.

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 14 July 2024, Petitioner's command submitted a 48-month reenlistment in PMOS 2629 to HQMC with a zone C SRB. In accordance with enclosure (2), Petitioner's request was held due to lack of funding. On 26 July 2024, Petitioner entered zone D. HQMC approved Petitioner's Reenlistment request on 9 December 2024, making him ineligible to receive a zone C SRB. The Board determined availability of funding would have prevented this issue.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner was discharged and reenlisted on 24/25 July 2024 vice 11/12 December 2024 for a term of 5 years vice 4 years and 8 months.

Note: This change will entitle the member to a zone C SRB for PMOS 2629, E-7 and above, which is capped as \$30,000 for 48 months of additional obligated service. Remaining obligated service to 23 July 2025 will be deducted from SRB computation.

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.

