



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 5651-25
Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO FORMER MEMBER ██████████, USN,
XXX-XX-██████████

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) COMNAVCRUITCOM msg 3023222 Apr 24

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Advisory Opinion by NRC, 17 Jul 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 establish eligibility for Enlistment Bonus for Shipping (EBSHP).

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 January 2026 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 15 May 2024, Petitioner enlisted in the Navy for 8 years, which 4 years is considered an active duty obligation. NAVCRUIT 1133/52, Enlistment Guarantees – Annex "A" listed Nuclear Field (NF 6YO) Program that required a voluntary extension of 24 months; Enlistment Bonus for Source Rate (EBSR) - \$50,000 Bonus; and Enlistment Bonus for Shipping (EBSHP) - \$25,000 Bonus; Armed Forces Qualification Test score was 87 and Active Duty Service Date 5 August 2024. Additionally, Petitioner signed NAVCRUIT 1133/102, Enlistment Bonus Statement of Understanding (EB SOU) that also specified eligibility for \$25,000 EBSHP per reference (b).

b. On 26 August 2024, Petitioner entered active duty and signed

c. On 7 November 2024, Petitioner completed Recruit Basic Military Training and Petitioner's Master Military Pay Account (MMPA) record reflects \$25,000 enlistment bonus was processed for payment.

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d. On 11 December 2024, Petitioner was issued BUPERS Order: 3464 (Official Separation Orders) with an effective date of 18 December 2024.

e. Petitioner discharged with an uncharacterized character of service and issued a DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty for the period of 26 August 2024 to 18 December 2024 due to Erroneous Entry.

f. On 7 January 2025, Petitioner's MMPA record reflects a debt that was processed for the \$25,000 enlistment bonus.

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 Petitioner met the criteria to keep the entire EBSHP in accordance with reference (b).¹ 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's EBSHP indebtedness is rescinded in accordance with reference (b).

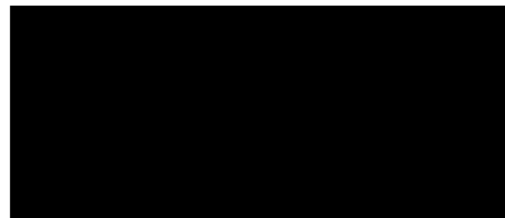
Note: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will complete an audit of Petitioner's pay records to determine retroactive enlistment bonus entitlement, if any.

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.

2/7/2026



¹ Applied to future Sailors initially classified or reclassified (change in program, rate, or ship date) on or after 1 May 2024. Active Component (AC) recruits in the Nuclear Field program that shipped May 2024 through September 2024 were eligible for \$25,000 EBSHP. EBSHP is earned and payable upon graduation of Recruit Training Command and may not be recouped due to reclassification or separation. Future Sailors must have an Armed Forces Qualification Test score greater than or equal to 31 to be eligible for EBSHP.