



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 6918-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) DoDFMR, Vol 7B
(c) DD Form 2656

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) 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 her naval record be corrected to reflect declined participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 March 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, she 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 2004, Petitioner entered active duty.

b. On 10 August 2007, Petitioner married spouse ██████████ and had four children: ██████████ on 2 May 2009, ██████████ on 28 January 2011, ██████████ on 16 February 2014, and ██████████ on 25 November 2015.

c. On 29 April 2024, Petitioner signed DD Form 2656, Data for Payment of Retired Personnel and elected not to participate in SBP with spouse's concurrence; however, spouse's signature was not notarized until 1 May 2024.

d. On 30 June 2024, Petitioner transferred to the Retired List.

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e. On 1 July 2024, Petitioner automatically enrolled in SBP Spouse coverage as a result of Petitioner's spouse's signature not being properly notarized.

f. On 26 January 2026, Petitioner, and her spouse signed an SBP Affidavit indicating that they desired Petitioner's SBP election to be changed to reflect that she declined SBP coverage. Petitioner indicated that she "received sufficient SBP information/counseling and completed a DD Form 2656, however, it is not on file at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service-Cleveland or was received and is invalid."

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded Petitioner provided sufficient evidence to reflect her and spouse's desire to decline SBP coverage prior to transferring to the Retired List. Although the proper administrative requirements were not completed, the Board agreed that under this circumstance, relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner elected to decline participation in SBP coverage with proper spousal concurrence prior to transferring to the Retired List effective 1 July 2024.

Note: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will complete an audit of Petitioner's pay records to determine amounts due, 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.

3/18/2026

