RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01830

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His ten-month enlistment extension be corrected to 48 months so he can receive his full Zone C Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) with 7.0 multiplier.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He initialed the back of his enlistment extension contract believing he would get paid for the full Zone C SRB as stated on the paperwork he signed. Even though there are quality control checks to catch mistakes, no one caught this error to correct it. He had no reason to believe that he would not receive his bonus until he did not receive it.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides a copy of his enlistment extension paperwork.

The applicant's complete submission, with attachment, is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is currently serving in the Regular Air Force in the grade of technical sergeant (E-6). On 23 June 2010, he extended his enlistment, in the Pararescue career field, for ten months to obtain retainability for an assignment. This action established his date of separation (DOS) as 10 November 2012.

The remaining relevant facts, extracted from the applicant's master personnel records, are contained in the evaluation by the Air Force office of primary responsibility at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSOA recommends denial. DPSOA states the statement the applicant initialed on the back of the AF IMT 1411, Extension or Cancellation of Extensions of Enlistment in the Regular Air Force/Air Force Reserve, that led him to believe he would receive the SRB clearly states he may elect to extend for a period of 36

and 48 months; and, if he does so, he would receive the SRB. This statement is completed for every member in this situation and they are counseled on and instructed to initial this statement. Some members take advantage of the opportunity and some choose to wait hoping to be eligible to get paid for five or six years at a later date pending another service directed retainability requirement or normal reenlistment eligibility; especially in a career field like Pararescue, where the multiplier has remained steady at 7.0 in all zones for the last eight listings dating back to May 2009.

In regard to the applicant's assertion that no one caught this error, there is no error. The statement he initialed clearly states he must elect a period between 36 to 48 months to receive the SRB and he did not do that. His extension document is completed the same as the rest of the members that were eligible to elect 36-48 months for payment of the SRB; however, he chose not to.

The complete DPSOA evaluation, with attachments, is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force Evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 17 July 2012, for review and comment within 30 days (Exhibit D). As of this date, this office has received no response.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

- 1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
- 2. The application was timely filed.
- 3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of an error or an injustice. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case; however, we agree with the opinion and recommendation of the Air Force office of primary responsibility and adopt its rationale as the basis for our conclusion the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. Although regrettable, the applicant did not elect to extend his enlistment for a period between 36-48 months to receive the SRB. The applicant has not established that he is the victim of error or injustice caused by the Air Force or that he was treated differently than anyone else in his situation. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.

THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified that the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of material error or injustice; that the application was denied without a personal appearance; and that the application will only be reconsidered upon the submission of newly discovered relevant evidence not considered with this application.

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-01830 in Executive Session on 23 January 2013, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

- , Panel Chair
- , Member
- , Member

The following documentary evidence was considered for AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-01830:

Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 20 Apr 10, w/atchs.

Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.

Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSOA, dated 19 Jun 12, w/atchs.

Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 17 Jul 12.

Panel Chair