



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

MEH:ddj
Docket No: 983-03
20 May 2003

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

Subj: [REDACTED]
REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Series of Documents and previous SECNAV Decisions
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that the applicable naval record be corrected to show timely enrollment in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) for spouse coverage.
2. The Board, consisting of Messrs. Exnicios, Pauling, and Zsalman, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 20 May 2003 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, naval records, 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, finds as follows:
 - a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.
 - b. Petitioner transferred to the Fleet Reserve on 30 June 1994. He was not married but had a dependent child and he enrolled in SBP for child only coverage.
 - c. Petitioner married [REDACTED] on 31 March 2001. He states that when he contacted the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Cleveland (DFAS) he was told he had to wait a year.
 - b. Cases with similar situations have been presented and approved by both the Board and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy. After being apprised of this fact and reviewing the correspondence attached as enclosure (2), the present Board concludes that the request has merit and warrants favorable action.

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

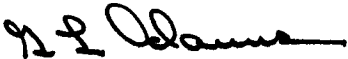
a. He executed a timely written request to add his new spouse (██████████) to his child only SBP coverage. His request was received by cognizant authority and became effective 30 March 2002, one year from the date of marriage.

b. Retroactive SBP costs will be recouped from Petitioner's retired pay account.

c. That a copy of this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) it is certified that 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.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder


G. L. ADAMS
Acting Recorder

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 reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

20 May 2003

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director