



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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Office of the Assistant Secretary  
AFBCMR 98-01598

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code and AFI 36-2603, and having assured compliance with the provisions of the above regulation, the decision of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records is announced, and it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] be corrected to show that on 30 April 1997, he elected to decline coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan and his spouse, [REDACTED] concurred in his decision

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31 JUL 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPTR  
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records

Reference: [REDACTED]

Requested Correction: The applicant is requesting corrective action that would allow him to terminate spouse only coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and his wife concurs in his request.

Basis for Request: The applicant claims the DD Form 2656 was not mailed to his wife from the MPF in a timely manner; therefore, her concurrence was not received prior to his retirement date.

Background: When a member fails to complete a valid SBP election prior to retirement, coverage is established for all eligible beneficiary(ies) by operation of law. Elections that do not provide spouse coverage at the maximum level require the spouse's written concurrence.

Facts: The applicant was married when he retired effective 1 May 97 and declined SBP coverage; however, his wife's concurrence was not obtained prior to that date. Consequently, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service - Cleveland Center (DFAS-CL) established spouse only coverage based on full retired pay to comply with the law.

Discussion: The record indicates the member signed the election form prior to his retirement date, but spouse concurrence was not obtained until after retirement. Based on the possibility of the SBP counselor's administrative error, it would be appropriate to grant relief. However, due to delays and heavy workload, our authority to correct errors under Title 10 USC Section 1454 has expired.

Recommendation: We recommend the member's record be corrected to show on 30 Apr 97 he declined SBP coverage and his wife concurred in his election.

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