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CHAPTER 10

CORRECTION OF RECORDS

1001 GENERAL

100101. Purpose

This chapter provides guidance on the payment of claims resulting from the correction of
military records. The Boards for Correction of Military Records are the highest level of
administrative review within the Department of Defense (DoD) with the mission to correct errors
or remove injustices from military records.

100102. Authoritative Guidance

The authoritative references are listed at the end of this chapter.

1002 BACKGROUND

The Secretary of a Military Department concerned may correct any military record of the
Secretary’s department when the Secretary considers it necessary to correct an error or remove an
injustice. The Secretary will establish procedures for the correction of a military record as approved
by the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary of a Military Department, acting through a panel
comprised of civilians (Board) of the executive part of that Military Department, will make such
corrections. The responsibilities for the Correction of Records can be found under the DoD
Directive (DoDD) 1332.41, “Boards for Correction of Military Records (BCMRs) and Discharge
Review Boards (DRBs).”

100201. Final and Conclusive

Corrections of military records are final and conclusive on all officers of the United States
except when such corrections were obtained through fraud.

100202. Reaffirmation of Existing Facts

A reaffirmation of existing facts already in the original record does not constitute a proper
correction of that record. A proper correction and a right to the payment of money must be a result
of a change of facts from those already in the original record, or an addition or deletion of a fact. A
recounting of existing facts does not avoid the application of the statute of limitations.

100203. Statute of Limitations

If a payment is due as a result of a correction of record, the claim for such payment accrues
on the date of the correction. A claimant has 6 years from the date of the correction of record to
claim the payment owed as a result of the correction of record.
Example: A member of the Navy is transferred to the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve on May 1, 1999, with 21 years and 3 months of service. On January 2, 2008, his or her record is corrected to show that at the time of transfer the member had 22 years and 3 months of service. Upon correction, the member is entitled to additional retainer pay from the date of transfer in accordance with his or her grade and corrected number of years of creditable service. The claim for the additional payment begins accruing on the date of the Board’s decision (January 2, 2008), not on May 1, 1999. The statute of limitation period starts from the date of the record correction rather than from the date of transfer.

1003 PAY COMPUTATION

100301. Amounts

Payments based on a correction of military records must be made in the amounts determined to be due by applying pertinent laws and regulations to all the material facts shown in the corrected record. Generally, the payments resulting from the correction of military records are based on the:

   A. Pay entitlement the member had before the correction;
   B. Actual payments made for these entitlements; or
   C. New pay entitlements that accrue as a result of the correction. For specific computation, see Chapter 3 concerning the entitlement to and computation of retired or retainer pay, Chapter 37 for participation in and payment of survivor annuities under the Retired Serviceman’s Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), and/or Chapter 46 for the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

100302. Settlement

The settlement of retired pay, retainer pay, or survivor annuities due as a result of the correction of a military record must be reduced, as applicable, by:

   A. Any previous settlements of active duty pay and allowances involving the same periods;
   B. Prior payments of readjustment pay or disability severance pay;
   C. Prior payments of disability compensation, pensions, or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation made by the Department of Veterans Affairs;
   D. Federal income tax;
   E. Cost of participation in the RSFPP and/or SBP;
   F. Dual compensation, if a retired Regular officer was employed by the United States Government prior to October 1, 1999; or
G. Prior payments of the mother’s benefit received from Social Security and the amount of the spouse’s Social Security entitlement, if any, resulting from the retiree’s active military service.

100303. Deductions from Pay and Allowance

Earnings received from civilian employment, self employment, or any income protection plan for such employment during any period for which active duty pay and allowances are payable will be deducted from the settlement. To the extent authorized by law and regulation, amounts found due must be reduced by the amount of any existing indebtedness to the government arising from military service.

100304. Demand for Payment

When payment cannot be made to the member because of member’s death, payment may be made to member’s legal representative. In the absence of a demand for payment by the legal representative, payments are made:

A. To the surviving spouse, heir, or beneficiaries, in the order prescribed by the law applicable to that kind of payment; or

B. In the order of precedence in Chapter 30, subparagraph 300204.A.

100305. Claimants Acceptance

A claimant’s acceptance of settlement fully satisfies the claim concerned. Settlement of this claim does not preclude payment of a separate and distinct claim and acceptance of settlement does not preclude recomputation and adjustment when there is a mutual mistake. Payments are not authorized for any claim compensated by private law before October 25, 1951.

1004 TAX ADJUSTMENT

See Chapter 24, section 2410.

1005 APPROPRIATION CHARGES

Any amounts of retired pay, retainer pay, combat related special compensation, concurrent retirement and disability pay, and SBP annuities that are due in the future as a result of the correction are charged to the DoD Military Retirement Fund. Any other amounts due and payable for past periods as a result of the correction (for a time period before the date of approval by the Secretary of the Military Department) are paid utilizing an applicable appropriation.
1006  RESTRICTIONS

No payment resulting from a correction of records may be made for a benefit to which the claimant might later become entitled under the laws and regulations administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
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1002 – BACKGROUND

Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 1552(a)(2)
DoDD 1332.41, April 23, 2007

100201  10 U.S.C. § 1552(a)(4)
100202  B-179467, May 2, 1974
39 Comptroller General 178 (1959)
Defense Office of Hearing and Appeals Claims
Case Number 04090713,
(December 8, 2004)

100203  10 U.S.C. § 1552(a) and (b)

1003 – PAY COMPUTATION

100304  10 U.S.C. § 1552(c)
100305  10 U.S.C. § 2771

100305  10 U.S.C. § 1552(c)(3)

1005 – APPROPRIATION CHARGES  10 U.S.C. § 1552(c)(1)

1006 – RESTRICTIONS  10 U.S.C. § 1552(e)