



DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE

CLEVELAND

GARNISHMENT OPERATIONS
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Exhibit "A"

(DFAS-HGA/CL)

Mar 23, 2016

SM Name
Last 4 of SSAN

Former Spouse Name
Address

Dear [Former Spouse Name]

We have received your application for payment of a portion of the retired/retainer pay of the above-named member under the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act (10 U.S.C. § 1408). Your application cannot be approved for the following reason(s):

The court order you submitted provides for a division of retired/retainer pay by means of a hypothetical amount of retired pay as of the time of divorce. However, the court order does not provide enough information to calculate the amount of the hypothetical retired pay. You must obtain a certified copy of a clarifying order which awards the former spouse a fixed dollar amount or percentage of the member's actual disposable retired pay. For more information please see the DoD Financial Management Regulation, Chapter 29, Volume 7B, Para. 290608 and Appendix A, which may be accessed on our web page at <http://www.dfas.mil/garnishment/usfspa/legal.html>.

Your application package (application, certified court order and supporting documentation) will be retained on file for 90 days. The requested information must be received within 90 days, or the entire application package must be resubmitted with the requested information.

If your divorce decree specifies that you are to be designated as a former spouse beneficiary for the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), you must make a 'deemed election' for SBP coverage within one year of the date of your divorce or other court order requiring SBP coverage for you directly to the Retired Pay office; DFAS, US Military Retirement Pay, PO Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7130. The request must be submitted using a DD Form 2656-1. To obtain a copy of the form and other useful SBP information through the internet, visit the DFAS website at: <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2656-10.pdf>. If you have any questions regarding SBP coverage, you may call the Retired Pay office at 1-800-321-1080.

You must include the member's social security number on all correspondence to this office. If you have any questions, you may contact us through the DFAS WEB page at www.dfas.mil/garnishment.html or call the Customer Service Section at 1-888-332-7411 (DFAS411). However, please note that this office must limit its response to inquiries regarding the status of your case and thus we cannot provide legal guidance in pursuing your case. For legal assistance, please contact your attorney or legal representative.

Sincerely,

Paralegal Name & Signature
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