



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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DJC
Docket No. NR8278-13
22 Jul 14

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

Subj: [REDACTED]

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) HQMC memo 7200 RFF-11 dtd 10 Feb 14
(3) [REDACTED]
(4) Travel voucher or subvoucher DD Form 1351-2
(5) Defense Travel System, Accounting detail
(6) CO (13th MEU) ltr dated 10 Oct 13
(7) CG (I MEF) ltr dated 4 Nov 13
(8) [REDACTED]

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 reimbursement of commercial airfare ticket.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Zsalman, Mr. Exnicios, and Mr. Ruskin, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 21 July 2014 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. In 2013, Petitioner received official authorization to Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel to [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] to attend the PHIBLEX 14 mid-range planning conference. See enclosure (6) and (8).

c. In 2013, Petitioner purchased airline tickets (round trip) to [REDACTED] via [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. See enclosure (3).

d. Petitioner departed Camp Pendleton, CA for TDY on 8 July 2013 and arrived to Los Angeles International Airport, CA on 8 July 2013. See enclosure (4).

e. Petitioner departed Los Angeles International Airport, CA on 8 July 2013, and arrived to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. See enclosure (3).

f. Petitioner departed [REDACTED] on [REDACTED], and arrived to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. See enclosure (3).

g. Petitioner departed [REDACTED] on [REDACTED], and arrived to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. See enclosure (3).

h. Petitioner departed [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] and arrived to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. See enclosure (3).

i. Petitioner departed [REDACTED] on [REDACTED], and arrived to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]. See enclosure (3).

j. Petitioner departed Los Angeles International Airport, CA on 15 July 2013, and arrived to Camp Pendleton, CA from TDY on 15 July 2013. See enclosure (4).

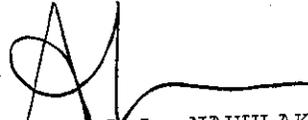
k. Petitioner submitted his travel claim on 19 July 2013, and was approved by disbursing on 6 September 2013. See enclosure (5).

l. Petitioner received travel settlement payment on 6 September 2013. No reimbursement for commercial airfare ticket was made by the Government. See enclosure (5).

m. Per enclosure (2), the Headquarters United States Marine Corps provided an advisory opinion concluding that the evidence proffered by Petitioner is insufficient to support the requested record change. The advisory opinion points out the following evidence to support its position: in accordance with the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR), Petitioner was paid correctly on his travel claims when he was not reimbursed for his non-U.S. certified air carrier tickets. The JFTR clearly states that reimbursement of a non-U.S. certified air carrier is not authorized when U.S. certified air carrier tickets are available. Even though Petitioner was told to purchase the tickets by his command, there was a U.S. certified air carrier ticket available for travel. Furthermore, to guarantee a seat to the final destination is not a basis to authorize the purchase of non-U.S. certified air carrier ticket.

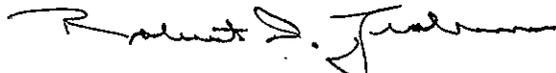
4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) it is certified that quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Recorder



BARBARA A. NAHULAK
Acting Recorder

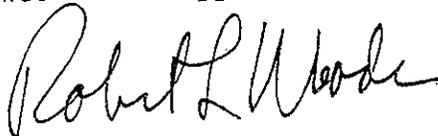
5. The foregoing action of the Board is submitted for your review and action.



ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
Acting Executive Director

Reviewed and approved. 

~~Reviewed and disapproved.~~



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