



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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[REDACTED]
Docket No. 3630-21
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED] USN,
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) The Joint Travel Regulations (JTR)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his naval record be corrected to show Petitioner's airfare reimbursement up to the government rate was authorized by the Order Writing Approving Official.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 16 September 2021 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, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, 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. On 18 November 2017, Petitioner's NAVPERS 1070/602 (Dependency Application/Record Of Emergency Data) was printed listing Petitioner as being married with 3 children.

c. In accordance with reference (b), when a Travel Management Comp (TMC) is available but not used by a traveler, reimbursement for transportation costs is limited to the amount that the Government would have paid if the arrangements had been made directly through a TMC. Transaction fees are not reimbursable, as it should be extremely rare that a TMC is not available.

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d. On 5 March 2020, Petitioner was issued official change duty orders (BUPERS order: 0650), while stationed in [REDACTED] with an effective date of departure of June 2020. Petitioner's ultimate activity was [REDACTED] for duty with an effective date of arrival of October 2020. Orders contain nine (9), intermediate (temporary duty) stops in route. Transportation must be arranged with the Navy passenger transportation office per NAVMILPERSCOMINST 4650.2 series. If transoceanic/international travel is required to execute this PCS order, government air/government-procured air is directed. Petitioner was issued six (6) subsequent modifications to BUPERS Order 0650, all containing the above transportation requirements.

e. On 20 May 2020, Petitioner was issued official modification to change duty orders (BUPERS order: 0650) with an ultimate activity of [REDACTED] for duty with an effective date of arrival of October 2020.

f. On 4 June 2020, Petitioner was issued official modification to change duty orders (BUPERS order: 0650), with an ultimate activity of [REDACTED] for duty with an effective date of arrival of October 2020.

g. On 7 June 2020, Petitioner transferred from [REDACTED]

h. On 14 July 2020, Petitioner was issued official modification to change duty orders (BUPERS order: 0650), with an ultimate activity of [REDACTED] for duty with an effective date of arrival of November 2020.

i. On 16 August 2020, Petitioner arrived to [REDACTED] for temporary duty under instruction.

j. On 2 September 2020, Petitioner was issued official modification to change duty orders (BUPERS order: 0650), with an ultimate activity of [REDACTED] for duty with an effective date of arrival of October 2020.

k. On 9 September 2020, Petitioner departed.

l. On 16 September 2020, Petitioner was issued official modification to change duty orders (BUPERS order: 0650), with an ultimate activity of [REDACTED] for duty with an effective date of arrival of October 2020.

m. On 28 September 2020, Petitioner was issued official modification to change duty orders (BUPERS order: 0650), with an ultimate activity of [REDACTED] for duty with an effective date of arrival of October 2020.

n. On 11 October 2020, Petitioner arrived to [REDACTED] for temporary duty under instruction.

o. On 27 October 2020, Petitioner departed, and arrived to [REDACTED] for duty.

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p. On 3 November 2020, Petitioner completed a DD Form 1351-2 (Travel Voucher or Sub-voucher) for travel conducted from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. Petitioner requested reimbursement for flights taken on 16 August 2020 to [REDACTED] (\$162.60), 10 September 2020 to [REDACTED] (\$88.60), 15 September 2020 to [REDACTED] (\$309.10), and 11 October 2020 to [REDACTED] (\$268.10).

q. On 3 November 2020, Petitioner completed a DD Form 1351-2 (Travel Voucher or Sub-voucher) for travel conducted from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. Petitioner requested reimbursement for spouse's flight taken on 28 August 2020 from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] (\$548.04).

r. On 7 December 2020, Travel Voucher Summary (DO Voucher No. A60169) was issued and paid for the period of 21 June 2020 to 27 October 2020. Advances/Prior Payments: \$21,889.22. Due United States: \$7,409.66. Paid with no airfare reimbursed due to requirement to provide SATO endorsement for all airfares.

s. On 21 January 2021, Travel Voucher Summary (DO Voucher No. A00245) was issued and paid for the period of 21 June 2020 to 27 October 2020. Advances/Prior Payments: \$16,485.51. Due Employee: 279.96. Paid with no airfare reimbursed due to requirement to provide SATO endorsement for all airfares.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of reference (b), the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board determined that Petitioner failed to procure airfare through a TMC, therefore, the Finance office was correct in its refusal to reimburse transportation cost. However, the Board concluded per paragraph 020207.E of reference (b) reimbursement is available limited to the amount the Government would have paid if the arrangements had been made directly through a TMC.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's official change duty orders (BUPERS order: 0650) including all official modifications to change duty orders listed "If transoceanic/international travel is required to execute this PCS Order, Government Air/Government-Procured air is directed unless authorized by the Order Writing Approving Official" vice "If transoceanic/international travel is required to execute this PCS Order, Government Air/Government-Procured air is directed".

Note: Petitioner will submit a supplemental travel claim with all required documents to include a copy of this letter through appropriate administrative channels to the Finance Office for reimbursement of government transportation cost.

A copy of this Report of Proceedings will be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

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4. It is certified that a 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.

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

10/23/2021

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Deputy Director

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