

Docket No. 1041-22 Ref: Signature Date

- From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
- To: Secretary of the Navy
- Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO
- Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552 (b) The Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) 2021
- 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 was reimbursed for a personally procured move.

2. The Board, consisting of **Sector** reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 1 March 2022 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 6 July 2021 Petitioner was issued a 72-hour permit web-permit receipt for a U-Haul company Ford vehicle for \$29.75.

c. On 6 July 2021 Waste Management (WM) issued a certified weight certificate at with gross weight (Empty) of 7,760 lbs.

d. On 15 July 2021 WM issued a certified weight certificate at gross weight (Full) of 11,460 lbs.

e. On 23 July 2021 certified weight certificate was issued at with gross weight of 11,380 lbs.

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f. On 1 August 2021, Petitioner was honorably Discharged due to reduction in force.

g. On 13 August 2021 Petitioner was issued official separation orders (BUPERS order: 2281) while stationed in **Example 1** with an effective date of departure of August 2021. Petitioner's place elected for travel was **Example 2** with an effective date of separation 17 August 2021.

h. On 6 January 2022, Director, Household Goods, Audit Division notified Petitioner that a review of the documentation supporting the claim shows that Petitioner initiated shipment of his household goods (HHG) on 6 July 2021 prior to the issue date of 13 August 2021 on his orders. Since shipment was made prior to the issuance of orders, they have no legal basis to permit payment of Petitioner's claim.

## CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of reference (b),<sup>1</sup> the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded that Petitioner's separation orders were issued on 13 August 2021 with an effective date of separation of 17 August 2021 and that this was an unreasonably short time for Petitioner to have to move his HHG. Petitioner was being discharged due to reduction in force; therefore, Petitioner had reason to believe that separation orders would be forthcoming.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's official separation orders (BUPERS order: 2281) were issued on "1 July 2021" vice "13 August 2021."

Note: Petitioner will submit a copy of the Board's approval letter to the Navy Household Goods Audit Team with all appropriate HHG documentation and orders to settle his claim. Settlement of move charged against Petitioner's BUPERS order: 2281.

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

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In accordance with reference (b), HHG allowances are based on the permanent change of station (PCS) order's effective date; although, the HHG may be transported as long as the HHG authority remains in effect. The weight allowance is based on the grade held on the effective date of the order authorizing the HHG transportation. HHG transportation before a PCS order is issued is authorized if the request for transportation is supported by all of the following: a. A statement from the authorizing/Order-Issuing Official (AO) or designated representative that the Service member was advised before such an order was issued that it would be issued. b. A written agreement, signed by the applicant, to pay any additional costs incurred for transportation to another point required because the new permanent duty station (PDS) named in the order is different than that named in the AO's statement. c. A written agreement, signed by the applicant, to pay the entire transportation cost if a PCS order is not later issued to authorize the transportation.

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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.



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