



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 6798-22
Ref: Signature Date

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

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XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) The Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) 2022

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 her Personally Procured Move (PPM).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 20 September 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. On 23 May 2022 the Executive Officer, [REDACTED] notified Petitioner that he spoke with the head of PERS-451. If Petitioner doesn't don't have orders by 31 July PERS-451 told him to reach back out to him. The party line is still "automatically released 6 months prior to separation."

b. On 23 June 2022 an Interstate Bill of Lading Contract and Order for Service was issued by [REDACTED] for a total estimated charges of \$16,318.46, and on 24 June 2022 a Certified Automated Truck Scale receipt was issued at [REDACTED] with gross weight of 24,040 lbs.

c. On 15 July 2022 Petitioner was issued official separation orders (BUPERS order: 1962) while stationed in [REDACTED] with an effective date of departure of January 2023.

d. On 21 July 2022 Petitioner's Application for Do It Yourself Move and Counseling checklist (DD Form 2278) was created listing a move from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

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with a maximum authorized weight of 14,500 lbs. and Estimated Constructive Costs of \$20,617.93. It was certified by both Petitioner and counselor.

e. On 22 August 2022, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk notified Petitioner that Paragraph 051302 A of the Joint Travel Regulation states that transportation of household goods (HHG) at government expenses prior to the issuance of permanent change of station orders is not authorized. Exception is made when the order issuing authority (Navy Military Personnel Command) or member designated representative provides a written statement that orders are forthcoming and shipment may be prior to the official issuance of orders. A review of the documentation supporting the claim shows that Petitioner initiated shipment of his HHG on 23 June 2022 prior to the 15 July 2022 issue date of his orders. Since shipment was made prior to the issuance of orders, this office has 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 enclosure (2) and reference (b),¹ the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded that per reference (b), HHG allowances are based on when orders are effective and certain criteria must be met in order to execute HHG transportation before an order is issued. On 23 May 2022, Petitioner received notification that separation orders should be released 6 months prior to separation; 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: 1962) were issued on "22 June 2022" vice "15 July 2022."

Note: Petitioner advised to resubmit his personally procured move claim, orders, receipts, and a copy of this Board of Correction of Naval Records' decision to the Household Good Audit Team (HHG-AT) for re-adjudication. The point of contact is the Director, HHG-AT (Code 302), NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk, 1968 Gilbert Street Suite 600, Norfolk, VA 23511-3392 Phone: 757-443-1873 or email at pptas.fiscn@navy.mil.

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

¹ 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 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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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.

9/29/2022

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Deputy Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]