

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 8255-22 Ref: Signature Date

Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 17 November 2022. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

In accordance with The Joint Travel Regulation (JTR) 2022, a Temporary Lodging Expense (TLE) is an allowance designed to partially reimburse a Service member for the cost of lodging and meals when he or she or a dependent occupies temporary lodging in the continental United States (CONUS) during a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move. Use the actual amount, without rounding, when computing TLE allowances.

A Service member on a PCS living in temporary lodging in the vicinity of the old or new PCS location, home of record, initial technical school, or a designated place may be eligible for a TLE allowance for lodging and meal expenses. The lodgings occupied must be a temporary residence, not a permanent one.

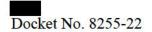
TLE may be temporarily increased for up to 60 days for a PCS move to a new PDS in the continental United States (CONUS) if the location was jointly approved by the Secretaries Concerned because the new Permanent Duty Station (PDS) in the CONUS is in a Presidentially declared disaster area, is experiencing a sudden increase in the number of Service members assigned there, or is experiencing a housing shortage that prevents Service members from obtaining adequate permanent Government-owned, Government-controlled, privatized, or private sector rental housing. The Secretaries set the dates when the additional days for TLE are effective. To request an expedited TLE extension due to a housing shortage,

Locations with approved TLE extensions located at Effective Dates TLE must be completed NLT the ending date: 2 February 2022 to 28 February 2022 (maximum number of TLE days authorized was 27 days) and 20 May 2022 to 31 May 2022 (maximum number of TLE days authorized was 12 days).

Criteria for Increase in number of TLE days if the Service member's TLE begins during the period when an increased number of TLE days has been authorized, but the increased authorization period expires after more than 10 days of TLE is used, then the Service member is eligible for the number of TLE days used during the period through the date the authorization period ends. Furthermore, if the Service member's TLE begins during the period when an increased number of TLE days has been authorized, but the increased authorization period expires before 10 days of TLE is used, then the increased number of days do not apply.

On 24 February 2022, you were issued official modification to change duty orders (BUPERS order: 0242) while stationed in I with an effective date of
departure of May 2022. Your ultimate activity was for duty with an effective date of arrival of 30 June 2022, with a Projected
Rotation Date (PRD) of May 2025.
On 30 May 2022, you transferred from issued you a receipt for the period of 26 May 2022 to 31 May 2022. The daily rate was \$177.00 with a total amount due of \$1,147.42.
On 8 June 2022, you accepted the Leasing Coordinator – Military Housing's offer for a 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home approximately 1,115 square feet, with a moving date as soon as 6 July 2022.
On 30 June 2022, you arrived to for duty.
On 6 July 2022, issued Petitioner a receipt for the period of 1 June 2022 to 6 July 2022 (35 days). The daily rate was \$86.00.

On 21 July 2022, your Travel Voucher Summary (DO Voucher No. A32442) was issued and paid for the period of 30 June 2022 to 30 June 2022. You were detached on 31 May 2022, and your report date was 1 June 2022. Advances/Prior Payments: \$2975.28. Total Entitlement/Total



Charged to Account Class: \$3,096.97. Total Amount Payable/Due Employee: \$121.69. Remarks: "Temp Lodging in is TLA and is filed through new PDS, PSD via Milpay Section. TLE in requires a TLE Form. Airfare paid for by the Government is not refundable to member.

On 11 August 2022, your travel claim (1363001439) listed the following: "SVM was not reimbursed for lodging cost of \$3,010.00 (just for 10 days, anything outside of that is out of pocket expense). The itemized breakdown does not compute to the actual amount spent per the receipts provided. Approximately \$2,200 is outstanding in the travel claim, not including per diem. What other document is required to ensure that SVM gets his money for travel so he does not eat the cost that was not his personal choice due to military housing situation."

On 22 September 2022, Memorandum for Senior Pentagon Leadership, Commanders of the Combatant Commands, Defense Agency and DOD Field Activity Directors made the following change: "Service members and families are required to move frequently, and these moves often come with costs that can strain budgets and cause financial uncertainty. Last year, I directed the extension of TLE beyond 10 days for Service members and families searching for housing in areas experiencing housing shortages. To further ease the process of PCS moves, I direct the Department to: Permanently increase standard TLE maximum coverage from 10 days to 14 days for CONUS moves and allow up to 60 days of TLE if a Service member is in a specified Military Housing Area with a housing shortage. This will give Service members and families significantly more flexibility to secure housing during a PCS move. This will take effect in October 2022.

You requested TLE beyond the previously authorized ten days for the period of 11 June 2022 to 6 July 2022; the Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. However, the Board concluded that TLE extension to 12 days was authorized for the area for the period of 20 May 2022 to 31 May 2022. Because your request was for lodging that commenced after the expiration date of 31 May 2022, you are only authorized 10 days of TLE.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

