



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 501-23
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]
[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 his Personally Procured Move (PPM).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 14 February 2023 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. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. On 23 June 2022 the Commanding Officer (CO), Naval Base [REDACTED] notified Officer in Charge (OIC), Personnel Support Activity Detachment [REDACTED] that per MILPERSMAN 1910-110, BUPERS 1900.8E, OPNAVINST 1900.2C, authority is granted to discharge member within ten working days after receipt of this letter. Prepare a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) in accordance with BUPERS 1900.8E.

b. On 13 September 2022 Petitioner was issued official separation orders (BUPERS order: 2562) while stationed in [REDACTED] with an effective date of departure of September 2022. Petitioner's place elected for travel was [REDACTED] with an effective date of 23 September 2022.

c. Petitioner was discharged with an honorable character of service and was issued a DD Form 214 for the period of 18 February 2020 to 23 September 2022 due to hardship.

d. On 4 June 2023, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center [REDACTED] 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.

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A review of the documentation supporting the claim shows that Petitioner initiated shipment of his HHG on 30 May 2022 prior to the 13 September 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 reference (b)¹ and enclosure (2), the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded per reference (b) HHG allowances are based on the PCS order's effective and certain criteria must be met in order to execute HHG transportation before an order is issued. On 23 June 2022, CO, Naval Base [REDACTED] notified OIC, Personnel Support Activity Detachment [REDACTED] that Petitioner was to be discharged within 10 working days of his letter; however, Petitioner's official separation orders were not issued until 13 September 2022, with a discharge date of 23 September 2022. Although Petitioner initiated movement of his HHG prior to CO, Naval Base [REDACTED] letter on 23 June 2022, the Board determined that it is reasonable to assume that Petitioner knew he would be separating due to hardship, therefore, Petitioner had reason to believe that official 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: 2562) were issued on "29 May 2022" vice "13 September 2022."

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.

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.

2/22/2023

[REDACTED]
Deputy Director
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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.