



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 3252-23
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED], USNR, [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) The Joint Travel Regulation 2022
(c) BUPERSINST 1900.16E, 27 Aug 18

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). Furthermore, correct Petitioner's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) block 4a (Grade, rate or rank), block 4b (Pay grade), and block 12i (Effective date of pay grade).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 25 April 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 16 December 2022, Petitioner was advanced to SO1 from Cycle 255 (March 2022) Navy-Wide Advancement Exam.

b. On 17 January 2023, Petitioner was issued official separation orders (BUPERS order: 0173) while stationed in [REDACTED], [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), [REDACTED] with an effective date of departure of January 2023. Petitioner's place elected for travel was [REDACTED], [REDACTED] with an effective date of separation of 24 January 2023.

c. Petitioner was released from active duty and transferred to the Naval Reserve with an Honorable character of service and was issued a DD Form 214 for the period of 25 January 2017 to 24 January 2023 upon completion of required active service.

d. On 22 April 2023, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk notified BCNR 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

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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 29 October 2022 prior to the 17 January 2023 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

The Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded 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. Petitioner was preparing to separate upon completion of required active service, therefore, Petitioner had reason to believe that official separation orders would be forthcoming. The Board agreed that Petitioner held the rank of SO1/E-6 upon release from active duty.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's official separation orders (BUPERS order: 0173) were issued on "5 October 2022" vice "17 January 2023."

Petitioner's DD Form 214 executed on 24 January 2023 listed block 4a (Grade, rate or rank) "SO1" vice "SO2," block 4b (Pay grade) "E-6" vice "E-5," and block 12i (Effective date of pay grade) "16 December 2022" vice "16 August 2019."

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.

4/28/2023

