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Docket No. 4242-23  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO ██████████, USN, XXX-XX-██████████

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments  
(2) Advisory opinion by CNP memo 7220 Ser N130C1/23U1262, 30 Oct 23  
(3) 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 be reimbursed for a rental car during an intermediate stop in ██████████

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 7 November 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 15 August 2022, Petitioner was issued official change duty orders (BUPERS order: ██████████) with required obligated service to March 2027, while stationed in ██████████ with an effective date of departure of January 2023. Petitioner's intermediate (01) activity was ██████████ for temporary duty under instruction with an effective date of arrival of 12 February 2023. Petitioner's ultimate activity was ██████████ for duty with an effective date of arrival of 1 March 2023 with a projected rotation date of March 2027.

b. On 11 January 2023, Petitioner transferred from ██████████, and arrived to ██████████ on 13 February 2023 for temporary duty.

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c. On 18 January 2023, CWT SATO travel listed Petitioner's Itinerary for 31 January 2023 departing [REDACTED] arriving to [REDACTED] on 12 February 2023, and departing [REDACTED] on 17 February 2023 with final arrival to [REDACTED] on 18 February 2023.

d. On 16 February 2023, [REDACTED] issued Petitioner an Information Invoice for the period of 13 February 2023 to 16 February 2023 (3 nights).

e. On 16 February 2023, Petitioner transferred from [REDACTED], and arrived to [REDACTED] on 28 February 2023 for duty.

f. On 17 February 2023, Navy Gateway [REDACTED] issued Petitioner a receipt for the period of 16 February 2023 to 17 February 2023 (1 night).

g. On 17 February 2023, Enterprise issued Petitioner an invoice for the period of 13 February 2023 to 17 February 2023 for a Luxury SUV 5 door/Automatic/Air. Total payment was \$543.92.

h. On 5 May 2023, Commanding Officer, [REDACTED] notified PERS-40CC requesting Orders Modification for Petitioner, USN, BUPERS Orders Number [REDACTED] to support rental car funding for the period of 13 February 2023 to 17 February 2023.

i. On 5 May 2023, PCS Entitlements Desk, Enlisted Distribution Division, Navy Personnel Command notified [REDACTED] that "[t]here is no authority for Servicemembers to self-procure rental cars for the purpose of traveling from Permanent Duty Stations (PDS) to Temporary Duty Under Instruction (TEM DUINS) location. The supporting Transportation Office would be required to obtain the necessary approval/authorization from SATO certifying that driving a rental car from PDS to TEMDU location and dropping it off at another location is the most cost-effective method. We would only be on the hook to pay for rental car at the TEMDUINS location but, we can't authorize retroactive reimbursement for self-procured rental cars unless you can establish that there was an attempt to request guidance "on-the-front-end" on how to obtain official authorization. NPC would require member to establish that due to admin-error or over-sight made by old PDS or Detailer or training command or ultimate duty station that you acquired rental car based on miss-communications with one of these parties. Member might may have to go through the Board for Corrections of Navy Records (BCNR) process to seek reimbursement if you're not able to establish that there was some sort of admin error that lead to [Petitioner] obtaining a rental car without the necessary authorization."

j. On 24 May 2023, [REDACTED] notified BCNR that "[t]he error occurred when the Sailor reached back to the Detailer to do an ORMOD to add the rental car. The Detailer did not do it. Even at SRS34, we reached out to the detailer as well do add the verbiage of the rental car. Yet, the Sailor still executed his PCS orders and his ISTOP which was to [REDACTED], but the school is in [REDACTED]. The school doesn't provide transportation, and the distance is 96 miles. The Sailor got a rental car, went to the course per his orders and returned back to [REDACTED] – he executed his orders, he was not at fault. It's just the fact that he is unable to get reimbursed for the rental car, which we are trying because it makes the most sense if nobody is willing to provide a ride or do an ORMOD for the Sailor. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] - the NUC School)...they do not provide admin

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support and they expect Sailors to execute their orders once they graduate due to the amount of Sailors they deal with.”

k. In the advisory opinion, attached as enclosure (2), the office having cognizance over the subject matter addressed in Petitioner’s application has commented to the effect that the request has merit and warrants favorable action.

## CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of reference (b)<sup>1</sup> and enclosure (2), the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded that Petitioner’s permanent change of duty station orders directed Petitioner to report to [REDACTED] for the intermediate activity, however the actual course is in [REDACTED] was over 90 miles one way. In accordance with Commanding Officer, Submarine Readiness Squadron [REDACTED], “Power Conversion Module Troubleshooting School did not offer any travel support from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] nor any support for local travel. Petitioner was required to travel 97 miles [REDACTED], book local lodging, and then travel 97 miles back to [REDACTED] to check out of his training command. Power Conversion Module Troubleshooting School is scheduled for journeyman level Sailors which is then scheduled to [REDACTED] directly via Defense Travel System. This travel authorization includes lodging and a rental car for the same reasons as the above issues.” The Board determined that in light of the commanding officer’s comments, the lack of authorization for a rental car was administrative oversight and that BUPERS order: [REDACTED] will be modified to include authorization for a rental car.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner’s official change duty orders (BUPERS order: [REDACTED]) were issued on 15 August 2022 authorizing the use of rental car while on temporary duty under instruction/temporary duty at [REDACTED] with an effective date of arrival 12 February 2023.

Petitioner authorized rental vehicle during authorized travel and temporary duty period as stated on the orders with appropriate endorsements, limited to the government rate the rental vehicle would have cost if it had been obtained through a Transportation Management Company. This

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<sup>1</sup> Reference (b), to be reimbursed an Approving Official (AO) must authorize or approve use of a rental vehicle. A traveler must obtain a rental vehicle through an electronic system when it is available or through the Transportation Management Company if it is not available. A compact vehicle is the standard size for official travel, but the AO may authorize or approve a larger vehicle. A traveler is reimbursed the cost of the authorized or approved rental vehicle. This includes the related taxes and local assessments added into the rental agreement. Fees associated with rental car loyalty points and the transfer of points are not reimbursed. Travel in and around Temporary Duty (TDY) location: Transportation expense reimbursement in the TDY area may be authorized or approved for travel between lodging and duty site, duty sites, or duty site and dining facility. The AO may authorize or approve the most economical transportation mode at the TDY location that meets the mission requirements. The transportation mode must be specified in the travel order if it is authorized before travel begins. When authorized or approved, a traveler using commercial transportation may receive reimbursement for local public transit system fares, taxi fares, or rental vehicle costs when using a rental vehicle is more advantageous to the Government.

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includes the related taxes and local assessments added in the rental agreement. Fees associated with rental car loyalty points and transfer of points are not reimbursed.

Note: Petitioner will submit a supplemental travel claim with all required documents to include a copy of this letter through appropriate administrative channels for reimbursement. Settlement of claim is chargeable to the line of accounting on the Petitioner's BUPERS order: [REDACTED].

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.

11/14/2023

[REDACTED]