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> Docket No. 9694-23 Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO FORMER MEMBER

- Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552 (b) The Joint Travel Regulation (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 her naval record be corrected to show Petitioner was reimbursed for her Personally Procured Move (PPM).

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. Petitioner was discharged with an honorable character of service and was issued a DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty for the period of 28 August 2007 to 13 January 2023 upon completion of required active service.

b. On 20 February 2023, Services issued Petitioner a Plan Acceptance, for a price of \$13,189.52, to which Petitioner agreed.

c. On 13 April 2023, Petitioner was issued official separation orders (BUPERS order: 1033) while stationed in **Example 1** with an effective date of departure of January 2023. Petitioner's place elected for travel: **Example 1** with an effective date of actual separation date of 13 January 2023.

d. On 11 October 2023, Petitioner signed Application for PPM and Counseling Checklist (DD Form 2278) listing a PPM move authorized from **Construction** to **Construction** with a maximum authorized weight of 11,000 lbs. and Estimated Constructive Costs of \$17,326.22. Move date was 20 February 2023. Counselor certified the form on 3 October 2023.

e. On 20 November 2023, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk notified the Board that Petitioner was informed 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 you initiated shipment of your HHG on 20 February 2023 prior to the issue 13 April 2023 date of your orders. Since shipment was made prior to the issuance of orders, this office has no legal basis to permit payment of your claim."

## CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of reference (b) 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 when orders are effective and certain criteria must be met in order to execute HHG transportation before an order is issued. Petitioner initiated her move after her discharge, 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: 1033) were issued on "12 January 2023" vice "13 April 2023."

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.

