



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 430-24
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED]
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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) NAVADMIN 160/22 of 22 Jul 22
(c) The Joint Travel Regulation (JTR)

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 her Personally Procured Move (PPM).

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 20 February 2024 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 14 October 2022, Petitioner signed a Special Request/Authorization (NAVPERS 1336/3) "Request permission to participate in the [REDACTED] LLC program from 31 January 2023 to 12 May 2023, Retirement date is 31 July 2023, PDTY House Hunting/Job hunting start 13 May 2023, Terminal Leave starting 2 June 2023. Furthermore, it was certified on 13 December 2022 by cognizant authority.

b. On 27 January 2023, Petitioner was issued official Fleet Reserve orders (BUPERS order: 0273) while stationed in [REDACTED] with an effective date of departure of July 2023. Petitioner's home of selection: [REDACTED] with an effective date of retirement of 31 July 2023.

c. On 11 February 2023, PODS issued a statement for the period of 11 January 2023 to 10 February 2023 with a payment of \$7,478.64.

d. On 17 May 2023, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk notified the Board 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 21 January 202[2]¹ prior to the (issue date of 27 January 202[2] on your orders. Since shipment was made prior to the issuance of orders, this office has no legal basis to permit payment of your claim.”

e. Petitioner was transferred to the Fleet Reserve with an Honorable character of service and was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 25 July 2001 to 31 July 2023 upon having sufficient service for retirement.

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)² 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’s request to participate in the SkillBridge program in preparation for his retirement was approved on 13 December 2022; therefore, Petitioner had reason to believe that official Fleet Reserve orders would be forthcoming.

RECOMMENDATION

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

¹ NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Norfolk letter states 21 JAN 2022 and 27 JAN 2022, however the year should reflect 2023.

² Reference (b), this NAVADMIN cancels and replaces NAVADMIN 222/15, by clarifying program requirements, updating Sailor eligibility, instituting a centralized registration process, clarifying command approval procedures, and updating the SkillBridge point of contact. The SkillBridge program is designed to help eligible members departing the Naval service. DOD Instruction 1322.29 defines an eligible member as any member of the Armed Forces who has completed at least 180 days on Active Duty (AD) in the Armed Forces and is expected to be discharged or released from AD within 180 days of the date of commencement of participation in the SkillBridge program. Sailors may not extend their enlistment to complete a SkillBridge program. SkillBridge is not an entitlement. Commanding officers and officers in charge with non-judicial punishment authority maintain final approval authority. Commands will place all SkillBridge participants on permissive temporary duty (TDY) travel orders for the duration of their program until commencement of separation, terminal leave, and permissive TDY, if authorized. This applies to programs both outside and within the area of the Sailors permanent duty station. SkillBridge is considered official duty, authorized to be completed during normal workdays and hours. Commands will place Sailors in a duty-free status while participating in SkillBridge.

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Petitioner's official Fleet Reserve orders (BUPERS order: 0273) were issued on "10 January 2023" vice "27 January 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.

2/28/2024

