RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2016-01589

 COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

The meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) portion of her travel payment for her 120-day temporary duty (TDY) to Malmstrom AFB, MT be corrected to reflect a 75 percent flat rate per diem (FRPD).

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The reimbursement she received for her TDY to Malmstrom AFB was $1,768 less than she was due because her per diem was paid at $19.75 per day instead of the correct $34.50 per day. She was not authorized meals at the on-base dining facility.

The applicant’s complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant currently serves on active duty in the grade of captain (O-3).

Under Travel Order Number 1PE0SS, dated 11 May 15, the applicant completed TDY travel to Malmstrom AFB, MT, proceeding on 26 May 15 for a projected period of 137 days.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are contained in the memorandum prepared by the Air Force office of primary responsibility, which is attached at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AF/A1PA recommends granting the applicant’s request, indicating there is evidence of an error or an injustice. The applicant’s TDY orders were built with government meals available and directed in accordance with (IAW) AFI 34-239, Food Service Management Program. However, upon arrival at the TDY location, she was denied use of the dining facility since her orders did not have the verbiage “government meals available and directed” annotated. The applicant’s travel voucher was limited to the proportional meal rate originally identified on her travel orders, despite the fact she was denied use of the facility. The applicant’s orders should have had the government mess availability annotated IAW the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR), paragraph 2210-A3, which states: “A written order that does not have a box to check for a particular allowance should include a statement authorizing the allowance.” The member was erroneously denied use of the Malmstrom AFB dining facility.

AF/A1PA recommends approval based on the fact the meal rate was not properly identified on the applicant’s travel orders IAW JTR, paragraph 2210-A3.

A complete copy of the AF/A1PA evaluation, with attachments, is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation were forwarded to the applicant on 3 Feb 17 for review and comment within 30 days (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1.  The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.

2.  The application was timely filed.

3.  Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of an error or injustice. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case and agree with the opinion and recommendation of AF/A1PA and adopt its rationale as the basis for our conclusion the applicant has been the victim of an error or injustice. Therefore, we recommend the applicant's records be corrected as indicated below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to the APPLICANT be corrected to show she was reimbursed for meals and incidental expenses (M&IE) at a fiscal year 2015 rate of $34.50 per day on Travel Voucher, LWMALMSTROMAF053115-V01-01, for her temporary duty (TDY) to Malmstrom AFB, MT, under Travel Order Number 1PE0SS, dated 11 May 2015.

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2016-01589 in Executive Session on 25 Jul 17 under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

 Panel Chair

 Member

 Member

All members voted to correct the records as recommended. The following documentary was considered:

 Exhibit A.  DD Form 149, dated 13 Apr 16, w/atchs.

 Exhibit B.  Applicant's Master Personnel Records.

 Exhibit C.  Memorandum, AF/A1PA, dated 14 Jun 16, w/atchs.

 Exhibit D.  Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 3 Feb 17.

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of AFI 36-2603 (Title 32 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 865.1), it is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.