



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-00599

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Reimbursement for personally procuring shipment of a Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) for shipment of POV from Japan to Hawaii.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He was counseled by his Traffic Management Office (TMO) and MPF at Kadena AB, Japan and AFPC that he was authorized to ship his POV from Okinawa Japan to Honolulu, Hawaii. However, he stated that he was advised that he was not authorized a POV shipment from Japan. Due to his Permanent Change of Station (PCS) date being imminent, he decided to personally procure shipment of his POV and seek reimbursement. Further, the JTR states he can be reimbursed if he was misinformed.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a currently serving senior master sergeant (E-8).

According to AF Form 899, *Request and Authorization for Permanent Change of Station – Military*, the applicant was authorized a PCS with PCA from Kadena JP to CP Smith HI with a RNLTD of 31 August 2022. Concurrent travel was approved.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B and the advisory at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

PPA HQ/LHE recommends granting the application. Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), paragraph 053001-B1, Table 5-64, Rule 2.b states personally procured transportation of a POV is not authorized unless the POV was shipped based on erroneous advice of a Government representative to provide POV shipment counseling, such as a Transportation Officer. JTR 0532-B1a, states in part that a service member who is authorized POV storage is not authorized POV shipment from his or her foreign location OCONUS when he or she performs a subsequent PCS.

The applicant had a POV in storage at government's expense which he states he removed upon counseling that he could not ship POV from Kadena to Hawaii because of POV storage used during tour of duty. Based on guidance, the applicant alleges he received to maintain an entitlement to ship from Japan to Hawaii; he removed POV from storage and shipped at his expense from Atlanta to California and then ultimately to Hawaii at his expense. In accordance with

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the applicant was in fact authorized shipment of POV from storage to his new PCS. The government cost to ship POV from Atlanta VPC to Hawaii is \$4,774.

Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is reasonable evidence of an error or injustice. While there is not documented evidence from anyone other than applicant, it is reasonable to conclude that the applicant was miscounseled by TMO, MPF and AFPC. The applicant contacted PPA HQ in August 2022 and stated that he was advised if he removed the POV from storage he could ship his POV from Japan since it was a separate entitlement.

Had the applicant been counseled correctly, he would have utilized the authorization to ship his POV from Atlanta to Hawaii and not incurred cost for shipment of both POVs at his expense. The applicant provided an invoice for personally procured shipment of POV in the amount of \$3,968.25 (Atlanta-California \$2,489.00 California and Honolulu \$1379.25). Had the applicant been counseled correctly to ship POV from storage directly to Hawaii, POV would not have been shipped initially to California. Should the board elect to grant the request, the record should reflect he be reimbursed \$3,968.23 which is below the government cost to ship of \$4,774.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 5 July 2023 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was timely filed.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of PPA HQ/LHE and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

RECOMMENDATION

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show he be reimbursed \$3,968.23 for shipment of his POV from Japan to Hawaii.

CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2023-00599 in Executive Session on 31 August 2023:

[REDACTED], Panel Chair
[REDACTED], Panel Member
[REDACTED], Panel Member

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All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 28 February 2023.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, PPA HQ/LHE, dated 3 July 2023.
- Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 5 July 2023.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

3/28/2025

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: [REDACTED]