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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-03293

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be authorized dislocation allowance (DLA) for a Permanent Change of Duty Station (PCS) assignment to his Home of Record (HOR) in 2022.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He did not receive DLA for his qualifying move from Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam, HI to Randolph AFB, TX via a PALACE FRONT transition from active duty to the Air Force Reserve (AFR). He began terminal leave on 18 Apr 22 and separated from active duty on 31 Jul 22. He was accessed into the AFR, without incurring a break in service, on 1 Aug 22. On 31 May 22, while on terminal leave, he conducted a household goods (HHG) move to his next duty station, Randolph AFB, TX. Due to delays in the approval process for Active Guard Reserve (AGR) orders, he performed this move on his separation order that was approved on 15 Apr 22. His AGR orders were not published until 31 Jul 22, more than a month after the HHG move was completed. Since his move was executed under his separation orders, he did not receive DLA payment.

Per the *Joint Travel Regulation* (JTR), paragraph 050502.B, “A Service member separated or relieved from active duty from one service to continue on active duty in another service without a break in service under the authority of 10 U.S.C. § 716, or any similar statutory provision, is eligible for a DLA when the household move is due to a PCS order resulting from a change of service. The service performed after changing services is considered a continuation of the previous period of service when calculating eligibility for this allowance.”

He provides documented proof of a PCS move for continued AGR service and entitlement to DLA.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an AFR major (O-4).

On 24 May 21, according to AF IMT 1288, *Application for Ready Reserve Assignment*, the applicant applied for a PALACE FRONT transfer to the AFR. Further, it reflects on 13 Jun 22, he was selected for an AGR tour.

On 15 Apr 22, Special Order *Work-Product Request and Authorization for Separation*, was published. It reflects effective 31 Jul 22, the applicant will be honorably discharged and relieved

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from assignment at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI and he will proceed to his HOR, listed as Rochester, NY. In addition, it reflects the names of his dependent children and spouse and a future mailing address of San Antonio, TX.

On 28 May 22, according to DD Form 1351-2, *Travel Voucher or Subvoucher*, signed 18 Oct 22, provided by the applicant, he departed Hawaii and arrived in San Antonio, TX on 29 May 22.

On 31 Jul 22, according to DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the applicant was honorably separated from active duty. Item 8b, *Station Where Separated*, reflects JBSA Randolph, TX.

On 1 Aug 22, according to Reserve Order **Work-Product** dated 27 Jan 23, he was appointed in the Selected Reserve in the grade of O-4. Unit of Assignment, reflects JBSA-Randolph, TX. On that same date, according to Special Order **Work-Product** dated 13 Jul 22, he was ordered to extended active duty (voluntary), per 10 U.S.C. § 12301(d) for duty in accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 12310, from his residence in San Antonio, TX and assigned to JBSA Randolph AFB, TX. On 23 Aug 22, Special Order **Work-Product** was amended to add his dependents.

On 22 Dec 22, according to *Memorandum for Defense Office of Hearing and Appeals (DOHA)*, provided by applicant, Subject: *Request Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Allowance (DLA) Claim*, the applicant requested a supplemental travel claim in accordance with JTR Chapter 5, Section 050502 (Service Member with or without a Dependent), Item B, (PCS Order Due to A Change in Service), stating “Member was not paid DLA for a qualifying PCS from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI to Randolph AFB, TX. Member maintained active duty Title 10 status without a break in service while performing a PALACE FRONT transition into the Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC).”

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

The Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), *Uniformed Service Members and DoD Civilian Employees*. Chapter 5: *Permanent Duty Travel (PDT) Part A: Standard Permanent Change Of Station Allowances For Service Members*. 0505 *Dislocation Allowance (DLA)* The purpose of the DLA is to partially reimburse a Service member for the expenses incurred while relocating his or her household under the circumstances in this section. This section includes rules when the service member is considered to be with or without a dependent or is married to another service member. It also includes situations when a secondary DLA (par. 050507) or a partial DLA (par. 050508) is warranted. A DLA may be paid in advance.

050509. *DLA is not Authorized*. DLA is not authorized in connection with a PCS in the following circumstances:

A. From home or PLEAD (*Place from Which Called or Ordered to Active Duty*) to the first PDS unless a dependent moves from the Service member’s residence to the PDS or a designated place in connection with the PCS. If a Service member does not have a dependent, or if he or she has a dependent but that dependent does not relocate to the new PDS, DLA is not authorized to the first PDS (*Permanent Duty Station*).

Note: When a Reserve Component (RC) member separates from active duty and is still in the RC, then is issued a new call or order to active duty that is effective more than 24 hours after the RC member last separated from active duty, that new call or order to active duty is considered a first PCS, and that PDS is a first PDS, for travel purposes, including for a DLA.

B. From last PDS to home or to the PLEAD.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFRC/FMFQ recommends denying the request. Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of an error or injustice. Per JTR 50509, the member may not receive DLA when performing a PCS from the last PDS to the home or PLEAD, or for the new AFR call to duty order. Further, the applicant is not eligible for DLA when performing a PCS from the last PDS to the HOR or Home of Selection, which was from Joint Base Pearl Harbor – Hickam, HI to San Antonio, TX.

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 13 May 25 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 not the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFRC/FMFQ and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The Board finds per the governing directive, the Joint Travel Regulation, the applicant was not entitled to receive a DLA. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, and the Board will reconsider the application only upon receipt of relevant evidence not already presented.

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-2024-03293 in Executive Session on 26 Jun 25:

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All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 13 Sep 24.

Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFRC/FMFQ, dated 9 May 25.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 13 May 25.

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.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: USAF

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