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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-2024-04139

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His permanent change of station (PCS) orders be amended to allow reimbursement of moving expenses.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

Due to inaccurate information he received regarding entitlements, he spent over \$4000 on a personally procured move prior to receiving PCS orders under the Exceptional Family Member Program, not realizing he would not be able to claim moving entitlements. When he initially received his PCS notification, he requested to curtail his assignment and depart 30 days early but was denied. He later inquired at his local Traffic Management Office (TMO) about moving his family early and was told that if he kept all weight receipts, he could file for reimbursement. After receiving this answer from TMO, he elected to move his family early to ensure his school-age children were able to start school after experiencing bullying issues at their previous schools.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a currently serving Air Force master sergeant (E-7).

On 26 Aug 24, DAF Form 899, *Request and Authorization for Permanent Change of Station – Military*, was published reassigning the applicant to a new duty station reporting no later than 31 Oct 24. Item 22F, instructs the applicant upon receipt of orders to contact TMO to arrange for household goods shipment and travel in accordance with DoDD 4500.09E, *Transportation and Traffic Management*. Item 22O, indicates the applicant has a family member enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program and was medically cleared for travel on 26 Apr 24.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

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AFPC/DP3AM (Directorate of Assignments) recommends denying the applicant's request. The applicant claims he was informed by his local TMO that he was authorized to move his household goods prior to issuance of PCS orders but failed to provide documentation that he was miscounseled. Air Force members are not authorized to move or ship any household goods or make any irrevocable commitments prior to issuance of official PCS orders.

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 18 Mar 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 AFPC/DP3AM and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The applicant claims he was informed by his local TMO he was authorized reimbursement for moving his household goods prior to the issuance of his PCS orders; however, he failed to provide sufficient evidence to support his claim. Air Force members are not permitted to relocate or make irrevocable commitments prior to issuance of official orders authorizing the move. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

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-2024-04139 in Executive Session on 30 May 25:

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Panel Chair

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, dated 25 Nov 24.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3AM, dated 18 Mar 25.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 18 Mar 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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