



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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[REDACTED]
Docket No. 2798-24
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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 28 May 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 6 December 2023, Certified Automated Truck Scale receipt was issued at [REDACTED] with gross weight of 15,900 lbs., and on 7 December 2023, Certified Automated Truck Scale receipt was issued at [REDACTED] with gross weight of 24,580 lbs.

b. On 13 December 2023, Petitioner's SkillBridge Program Participation request with [REDACTED] was approved with a program start date of 8 April 2024 and program end date of 5 August 2024.

c. On 7 March 2024, Petitioner was issued official separation orders (BUPERS order: 0674) while stationed in [REDACTED] with an effective date of departure of August 2024. Petitioner's place elected for travel: [REDACTED] with an actual date of separation of 6 August 2024.

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d. Petitioner was discharged with an honorable character of service and was issued a DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty for the period of 9 December 2013 to 6 August 2024 completion or required active service. Signed by authorized Official on 13 March 2024.

e. On 20 March 2024, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center [REDACTED] notified Petitioner 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 6 December 2023 prior to the 7 March 2024 issue date of your orders. Since shipment was made prior to the issuance of orders, this office has no legal basis to permit payment of your claim.”

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 that per reference (b),¹ HHG allowances are based on when orders are effective and certain criteria must be met in order to execute HHG transportation before an order is issued. The Board concluded that Petitioner was preparing to separate upon completion of required active service and was approved to participate in [REDACTED] program, therefore Petitioner had reason to believe that official separation orders would be forthcoming.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner’s official separation orders (BUPERS order: 0674) were issued on 5 December 2023 vice 7 March 2024.

A copy of this Report of Proceedings will be filed in Petitioner’s naval record.

¹ 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 [REDACTED] program. [REDACTED] is not an entitlement. Commanding officers and officers in charge with non-judicial punishment authority maintain final approval authority. Commands will place all [REDACTED] 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. [REDACTED] 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 [REDACTED]

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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.

5/30/2024

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