



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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[REDACTED]
Docket No. 7481-24
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED], USN,
XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) The Joint Travel Regulations (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 that Petitioner was reimbursed for lodging and car rental while Petitioner attended training in [REDACTED] from 29 July 2022 to 9 September 2022.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 6 February 2025 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. Reference (b) to be reimbursed, an AO must authorize or approve use of a rental vehicle. A traveler must obtain a rental vehicle through an electronic system when it is available or through the TMC if it is not available. TMC use is not mandatory when renting an airplane or bus. A compact vehicle is the standard size for official travel, but the AO may authorize or approve a larger vehicle for the following reasons: 1. Medical disability or other special need. 2. Mission requirements. 3. Cost is the same or less for a non-compact vehicle. 4. Multiple travelers are authorized to travel in the same rental vehicle. 5. Government material for official business requires more space. 6. Safety, such as driving during severe weather or on rough or difficult terrain. Table 2.8 Rental Vehicle Expenses. Rule 1: If a traveler does not obtain the rental vehicle through a TMC, then reimbursement is limited to what the rental vehicle would have cost if it had been obtained through a TMC. Rule 14: If a traveler incurs fuel or oil

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expenses, then the traveler may receive reimbursement. Note: Prepaid fueling option at a rental car company is not authorized.

b. On 14 June 2022, Petitioner was issued official change duty orders (BUPERS order: [REDACTED]) while stationed in [REDACTED] with an effective date of departure of July 2022. Petitioner's intermediate (01) activity was [REDACTED] for temporary duty under instruction with an effective date of arrival of 30 July 2022. Petitioner's intermediate (02) activity was [REDACTED] for temporary duty with an effective date of arrival of 3 September 2022. Petitioner's intermediate (03) activity was [REDACTED] for temporary duty under instruction with an effective date of arrival of 24 September 2022. Petitioner's ultimate activity was [REDACTED] for duty with an effective date of arrival of 28 October 2022 with a Projected Rotation Date (PRD) of November 2024. "Member directed: for each intermediate stop, if government quarters are available (BQ/shipboard berthing) and the base has a government mess appropriated fund food service activity/galley available to the traveler, use of the government meal per diem rate is directed. If government messing is not available or is partially available, obtain an endorsement to that effect from the host command."

c. On 1 July 2022, Petitioner transferred from [REDACTED] and arrived to [REDACTED] on 31 July 2022 for temporary duty.

d. On 21 August 2022, Petitioner was issued official modification to change duty orders (BUPERS order: [REDACTED]) while stationed in [REDACTED] with an effective date of departure of July 2022. Petitioner's intermediate (01) activity was [REDACTED] for temporary duty under instruction with an effective date of arrival of 30 July 2022. Petitioner's ultimate activity was [REDACTED] for duty with an effective date of arrival of 19 September 2022 with a PRD of September 2024. "Member directed: for each intermediate stop, if government quarters are available (BQ/shipboard berthing) and the base has a government mess appropriated fund food service activity/galley available to the traveler, use of the government meal per diem rate is directed. If government messing is not available or is partially available, obtain an endorsement to that effect from the host command."

e. On 2 September 2022, Petitioner transferred from [REDACTED] and arrived at [REDACTED] on 19 September 2022 for duty.

f. On 7 September 2022, [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] issued Petitioner a statement for the period of 30 July 2022 to 7 September 2022.

g. On 9 September 2022, [REDACTED] Rental, [REDACTED] issued Petitioner a statement for charges incurred for the period of 31 July 2022 to 9 September 2022.

h. On 5 June 2024, Travel Voucher Summary (Voucher No. [REDACTED]) was issued and paid on 6 June 2024 with a Start Date of 31 July 2022, and End Date of 19 September 2022. Advances/Prior Payments: \$0.00, Total Entitlement \$750.95, Total Charged to Acct. Class \$750.95, Total Amount Payable \$750.95, Split Payment \$750.95, and Due Employee \$0.00.

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Remarks: "Need CNA to pay TDY lodging 7/31-9/01 since lodging was obtained off base. However, if unable to obtain CNA can pay up to the government rate however need documentation from NGIS to what the government rate is. Rental car not authorized on orders. Citibank shows SVM has a balance owed of \$6,703.80 however claim computed at \$750.95. This balance was applied towards the GTCC. Any remaining balance on the GTCC is the responsibility of the SVM. SVM can contact Citibank @ 1.800.200.7056 to ensure complete balance has been liquidated."

i. On 30 July 2024, [REDACTED], DoD Reservation Center issued Petitioner a Certificate of Non-availability (Confirmation [REDACTED]). Furthermore, the following was provided: "This is the CNA for July 30, 2022- September 22, 2022, confirming there was no applicable availability in military lodging in the [REDACTED] area during this time."

j. On 1 October 2024, Petitioner transferred from [REDACTED] and arrived to [REDACTED] on 3 October 2024 for temporary duty.

k. On 1 November 2024, Petitioner transferred from [REDACTED] and arrived to [REDACTED] on 27 November 2024 for duty.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of enclosure (2), the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following partial corrective action. The Board concluded that Voucher No. [REDACTED] was issued and paid on 6 June 2024 without lodging or rental car reimbursement. Petitioner was notified that he would need a CNA to pay TDY lodging 7/31-9/01 since lodging was obtained off base. Petitioner subsequently obtained a CNA for the period after the fact, however the Board determined that Petitioner should have exhausted all avenues for relief prior to petitioning the Board. Petitioner is advised to submit supplemental claim with all supporting documentation for lodging reimbursement. Additionally, the Board found that because there was no lodging on base for the period of 31 July 2022 to 2 September 2022, Petitioner should have been authorized the use of a rental car, limited to the government rate the rental vehicle would have cost if it had been obtained through a TMC.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner's official change duty orders (BUPERS order: [REDACTED]) issued on 14 June 2022 authorized the use of rental car while on temporary duty under instruction at [REDACTED] for the period of 31 July 2022 to 2 September 2022.

Petitioner authorized rental vehicle during authorized travel and temporary duty period as stated on the orders with appropriate endorsements, limited to the government rate the rental vehicle would have cost if it had been obtained through a TMC. This includes the related taxes and local

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assessments added in the rental agreement. Fees associated with rental car loyalty points and transfer of points are not reimbursed.

Note: Petitioner will submit a supplemental travel claim with all required documents to include a copy of this letter through appropriate administrative channels for reimbursement. Settlement of claim is chargeable to the line of accounting on the Petitioner's BUPERS order: [REDACTED].

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's naval record.

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 titled 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.

2/12/2025

