



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8659-24
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear ████████████████████,

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 26 September 2024. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Commanding Officer, Navy Pay and Personnel Support Center memorandum 7220 N1 of 4 September 2024 and your response to the advisory opinion.

In accordance with The Joint Travel Regulations (JTR) published October 2023, Pet Expenses Due to a PCS. Eligibility. A Service member on a PCS [Permanent Change of Station] order is authorized reimbursement for mandatory quarantine fees for household pets. A household pet is a cat or a dog. Allowances. Reimbursement for the actual cost of these fees is authorized, limited to \$550 per PCS move. Pet Quarantine Information. See Pet Quarantine Information and the DTMO website for more details. Pet Transportation. Transportation for a household pet is not a reimbursable expense unless the transportation is due to an evacuation from a foreign PDS [Permanent Duty Station] in accordance with par. 060204. Changes Effective 2024. On January 1, 2024, the following pet transportation allowances will apply:

Eligibility. A Service member on a PCS order may be authorized reimbursement for the costs related to the relocation of one household pet that arises from a PCS. A household pet is a cat or a dog, owned for personal companionship. A Service member is responsible for following rules for importing and exporting a pet to and from the United States in order to be eligible for reimbursement. Denial of entry could result in denial of reimbursement.

CONUS. A Service member may be authorized the reasonable and substantiated cost of mandatory microchipping, boarding fees, hotel service charges, licensing fees at the new PDS, and pet shipping fees if the member flies rather than drives, or the pet is shipped separately from the member. Reimbursement for the actual cost of all expenses is limited to \$550 per PCS move.

OCONUS. A Service member may be authorized the reasonable and substantiated cost of mandatory microchipping, quarantine fees, boarding fees, hotel service charges, licensing fees at the new PDS, testing titer levels for entry, and pet shipping fees if the member flies rather than drives, or the pet is shipped separately from the member. For transoceanic travel, use of Government or Government-procured transportation must be used if available or reimbursement for transportation costs is not authorized. Reimbursement for the actual cost of all necessary expenses described above in connection with the movement of a pet is limited to \$2,000 per PCS move.

On 1 August 2021, you were issued official change duty orders (BUPERS order: 2133) with required obligated service to September 2024, while stationed in ██████████ with an effective date of departure of August 2023. Your ultimate activity was ██████████ for duty with an effective date of arrival of 22 September 2023 with a Projected Rotation Date (PRD) of September 2024.

On 15 October 2023, you transferred from ██████████ and arrived to ██████████ on 29 October 2023 for duty.

On 18 October 2023, CWT Sato Travel issued you a Flight Itinerary departing on 26 October 2023 from ██████████ and arriving to ██████████ on 26 October 2023. Furthermore, the following PET information was listed: "Your flights are booked on airline/s that may accommodate pets. You must contact all carriers directly in order to confirm pet space. In the event that accommodations cannot be made please use CWTSATOTRAVEL preferred 3rd party shipper Airpets America 1-866-738-7447."

On 26 October 2023, CWT Sato Travel issued you a Flight Itinerary departing on 26 October 2023 from ██████████ and arriving to ██████████ on 26 October 2023. Furthermore, the following PET information was listed: "Your flights are booked on airline/s that may accommodate pets. You must contact all carriers directly in order to confirm pet space. In the event that accommodations cannot be made please use CWTSATOTRAVEL preferred 3rd party shipper Airpets America 1-866-738-7447."

On 27 October 2023, CWT Sato Travel issued you a Flight Itinerary departing on 28 October 2023 from ██████████ and arriving to ██████████ on 29 October 2023.

On 28 October 2023, ██████████ issued you an Invoice from ██████████ for \$1,250.00.

You were issued a Travel Sheet with a flight itinerary departing on 27 October 2023 from ██████████ and arriving to ██████████ on 27 October 2023. Furthermore, it listed one pet.

On 6 November 2023, Travel Voucher Summary (Voucher No. B98351) was issued and paid on 9 November 2023 with a Start Date of 26 October 2023, End Date of 29 October 2023 (Detach Date of

15 October 2023 and Report Date of 29 October 2023). Advances/Prior Payments: \$0.00, Total Entitlement \$233.50, Total Charged to Acct. Class \$233.50, Total Amount Payable \$233.50, and Due Employee \$233.50. Remarks: "Lodging in █ must be claimed in either block 15e or block 18 of DD 1351-2 for reimbursement. A TLE form NPPSC 7220/2 is needed for lodging in █. Member is only authorized one day of lodging in █. Please provide a memorandum from the AMC terminal providing justification for the additional day. Did not pay single DLA. Unable to verify eligibility to this entitlement because the members pay record does not reflect an overseas housing entitlement. Food is covered under the M and IE (meals and incidental expense) portion of per diem."

On 22 December 2023, Travel Voucher Summary (Voucher No. B44299) was issued and paid on 27 December 2023 with a Start Date of 17 October 2023, End Date of 29 October 2023 (Detach Date of 15 October 2023 and Report Date of 29 October 2023). Advances/Prior Payments: \$233.50, Total Entitlement \$4,101.42, Total Charged to Acct. Class \$3,867.92, Total Amount Payable \$3,867.92, and Due Employee \$3,867.92. Remarks: "Suppl: liquidated members single DLA, AD in █, and TLE in █. Member can file supp for AD lodging in █ for 10/27 with itemized \$0 balance lodging receipt remitted rather than a booking confirmation."

You requested to be reimbursement for pet travel in 2023, the Board in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. You assert that pet fees accrued due to delays that resulted in being turned away from AMC for late check in. However, the Board concluded that in accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), transportation for a household pet is not a reimbursable expense unless the transportation is due to an evacuation from a foreign PDS. Your pet did not travel as the result of an evacuation from a foreign PDS, therefore transportation expenses are not reimbursable. Effective 1 January 2024, the JTR authorized reimbursement for the actual cost of all necessary expenses described above in connection with the movement of a pet is limited to \$2,000 per PCS move, however you traveled in 2023. Furthermore, this entitlement is not retroactive. Finally, the JTR is published by the U.S. Department of Defense; the Board has no authority to grant what the JTR prohibits. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely, _____

12/1/2024

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Deputy Director

Signed by: █