



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 5826-25

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 6 January 2026. 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 Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps memorandum 1070 MPO of 17 June 2025, which was previously provided to you for comment.

On 29 August 2022, you were issued Marine Corps Basic Order Modification (Voluntary Assignment) listing the following: ██████████ Report NLT 31 JAN 2023 to ██████████ ██████████ for Duty in ██████████. On 13 January 2023, you transferred from ██████████ and joined ██████████ on 1 February 2023 for duty. On 10 February 2023, Travel Voucher Summary (Claim No: 1902139) was issued and paid on 24 February 2023 with a Start Date of 8 January 2023, End Date of 31 January 2023, Detach Date of 10 February 2023, and Report Date of 10 February 2023. Advances/Prior Payments: \$0.00, Total Entitlement \$7434.39, Total Charged to Acct. Class \$7434.39, Total Amount Payable \$7434.39, and Due employee \$7434.39. Remarks: Leave site listed as Temporary Duty due to IATS error.

In accordance with 37 U.S.C. §453. Allowable travel and transportation: specific authorities... (h) Reimbursement for Transportation of Pets Arising from Certain Permanent Changes of Stations.-(1) The Secretary concerned may reimburse a member for any cost related to the relocation of a pet that arises from a permanent change of station of such member within the continental United States. Such reimbursement may not exceed \$550 for each such permanent change of station. (2) The Secretary concerned may reimburse a member for any cost related to the relocation of a pet that arises from a permanent change of station of such member to or from a duty station located outside

the continental United States. Such reimbursement may not exceed \$4,000 for each such permanent change of station.

In accordance with The Joint Travel Regulations (JTR). Pet Expenses Due to a PCS...Changes Effective 2024. On January 1, 2024, the following pet transportation allowances will apply: 1. Eligibility. A Service member on a PCS order with an effective date of January 1, 2024 or later, as defined in Appendix A, may be authorized reimbursement for the costs related to the relocation of one household pet that arises from a permanent change of station. A household pet is a cat or a dog, owned for personal companionship...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 7 January 2025, you were issued Marine Corps Basic Order (Voluntary Assignment) listing the following: Direct SNO to Report NET 01 JUL 2025 and NLT 31 JUL 2025 to ██████████ ██████████ for duty. Requests for HQMC to modify reporting dates must be coordinated between gaining and losing commands. On 3 April 2025, Pet Movers notified ██████████ of the following: The estimate for moving your pet from ██████████ to ██████████ is \$6495. On 11 April 2025, you submitted/signed an Administrative Action (NAVMC 10274) to HQMC requesting pet allowance to exceed the \$2,000 reimbursement. Furthermore, that “[p]er the JTR, I respectfully request approval to exceed the \$2,000 USD pet allowance for reimbursement due to being stationed in a high risk rabies location. Currently stationed in ██████████ ██████████ as the Marine Attache.

Patriot Express does not fly to ██████████ and there are no US commercial carriers that fly out of ██████████ that transport full sized dogs in a safe manner as cargo. Shipping my pet via boat is also not a viable option. Attachment 3 is the quotation itemizing the flight and requirements to ship my dog to the US. Attachment 4 details the costs and requirements for dogs arriving at the U.S. to ██████████.”

On 14 April 2025, the Commanding Officer, ██████████ notified Commandant of the Marine Corps (MPO) via First Endorsement on your AA Form dated 11 April 2025 forwarding, recommending approval. On 6 May 2025, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs notified you via Commanding Officer, ██████████ ██████████ that “[i]n response to ██████████ pet expense request, your request has been carefully reviewed in accordance with Joint Travel Regulations and ASN, M&RA pet expense delegation memo date 21 April 2025. Although you meet the requirements for extenuating circumstances, due to budgetary constraints, your request is disapproved.”

On 22 May 2025, CWT Sato-Travel issued you an itinerary with a departure date of 30 June 2025 from ██████████ and with an arrival date of 1 July 2025 to ██████████ ██████████.

On 27 June 2025, Commanding Officer ██████████

