



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7362-25
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 7 April 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 Distribution Management office, Personal Property Lead letter 1650 G-4 DMO/JCH of 3 August 2025 and your response to the opinion.

The Board determined your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You requested to be reimbursed an additional \$5,473.91 for storage costs associated with your June 2023 personally procured move due to being miscounseled. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board concluded that you did not exceed your maximum authorized weight allowance; your total weight shipped was 10,304 pounds. Additionally, you were authorized up to 90 days storage in transit (SIT), however reimbursement is based upon the SIT rates for the SIT location. You assert that, "[h]ad I been advised differently, I *would* have chosen a significantly less expensive alternative." Additionally, you stated in the 3 August 2023 email that if you had not gotten that email then you "*would* have gone a different route." The Board agreed you received erroneous information from the financial technician regarding the SIT reimbursement daily amount. However, the Board found that these statements show that you

we were aware that “significantly less expensive” options existed or could have existed. In accordance with the Joint Travel Regulation (JTR),¹ you were required to exercise the same care in incurring expenses for Government travel that a prudent person would exercise if traveling at personal expense. In your rebuttal letter, you wrote “I understand and do not dispute that the [JTR] limit reimbursement of Storage in Transit based on the destination SIT rate per hundred weight, and that the reviewing offices involved do not have authority to approve payment beyond that limit.” However, this Board makes corrections to official records and determined that there is no change to your record, within the applicable laws and regulations, that would create eligibility for reimbursement of an additional \$5,473.91. Therefore, the Board determined that a change to your record is not warranted. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

4/9/2026

Deputy Director

Signed by:

¹ Guiding Principle. The guiding principle behind the JTR is to travel responsibly. The word “responsibly” means that the traveler exercises the same care in incurring expenses for Government travel that a prudent person would exercise if traveling at personal expense. 010103. Traveler Responsibilities. A. Financial Responsibility. Traveling responsibly includes using the least expensive transportation mode, parking facilities, public transportation, or rental vehicle. It also includes scheduling travel as early as possible to take advantage of discounted transportation rates. The traveler is financially responsible for excess costs, circuitous routes, delays, or luxury accommodations that are unnecessary or unjustified. B. Items Not Mentioned. If something is not stated in the JTR, it does not mean that an allowance exists or may be authorized. The philosophy of It doesn’t say I can’t; therefore, I can does not apply to the JTR. Instead, if the JTR does not say something *can* be reimbursed, then it *cannot* be reimbursed as a travel claim. A Service member on a Permanent Change of Station order is authorized 90 days of SIT for authorized household goods, unless specifically prohibited by this section.