



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 9737-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO ██████████, USN, XXX-XX-██████████

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) 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 (the Board), requesting that his naval record be corrected to show that Petitioner was reimbursed for his Personally Procured Move with household goods (HHG).

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 May 2026 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 1 September 2023, Petitioner transferred from ██████████ and arrived at ██████████ on 21 September 2023 for duty.

b. On 1 July 2024, Petitioner was issued official change duty orders (BUPERS order: 1834), with required obligated service to October 2027, while stationed in ██████████ with an effective date of departure of October 2024. Petitioner's intermediate (01) activity was ██████████ for duty with an effective date of arrival of 2 November 2024. Petitioner's ultimate activity was ██████████ for duty under instruction with an effective date of arrival of 1 March 2025 with a Projected Rotation Date of June 2026.

c. On 1 October 2024, Petitioner transferred from ██████████ and arrived to ██████████ on 30 October 2024 for duty under instruction.

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d. On 24 February 2025, PODS Moving and Storage issued weight certificate at [REDACTED] with a Gross weight of 2,580 lbs.

e. On 1 March 2025, PODS Moving and Storage issued weight certificate at [REDACTED] with a Gross weight of 6,480 lbs.

f. On 13 March 2025, Petitioner was issued official separation orders (BUPERS order: 0725) while stationed in [REDACTED] with an effective date of departure of March 2025. Furthermore, the following is listed: Sailor's Home of Record: [REDACTED], US. Sailor's Place of Entry to Active Duty (PLEAD): [REDACTED], US. Place Elected for Travel: [REDACTED], US. SPD: [REDACTED] Character Of Service: Honorable. Effective Date of Separation: 21 Mar 2025.

g. Petitioner was discharged with an honorable character of service and was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 5 October 2021 to 21 March 2025 due to unsatisfactory performance.

h. On 20 March 2025, Petitioner signed an Application for Personally Procured Move and Counseling Checklist (DD Form 2278) listing a move from [REDACTED] with a maximum authorized weight of 9,000 lbs. and Estimated Government Constructive Cost of \$11,896.06. It was certified by a counselor on 20 March 2025.

i. On 17 February 2026, [REDACTED] notified the Board that "[t]his member moved prior to issuance of orders. Paragraph 051302 A of the Joint Travel Regulation states that transportation of HHGs 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 HHGs on 24 Feb 2025 prior to the 13 March 2025 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, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. The Board concluded that in accordance with reference (b), HHG allowances are based on the separation order's effective date and certain criteria must be met in order to execute HHG transportation before an order is issued. Petitioner was being administratively separated for unsatisfactory performance; therefore, he had reason to believe that official separation orders would be forthcoming. The Board determined that under this circumstance, relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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Petitioner's official separation orders (BUPERS order: 0725) were issued on 24 February 2025 vice 13 March 2025.

A copy of this report of proceedings will be filed in 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.

5/26/2026

