



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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ARLINGTON, VA 22204

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Docket No. 9767-25
Ref: Signature Date

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 14 May 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 7200 RFF of 24 September 2025 and your response.

You requested to be reimbursed for a garnishment of your pay by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service due to an overpayment of Dislocation Allowance (DLA) and dependent travel allowances for two Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, including your assertions. You assert that you were paid a total of \$6,933.07 for DLA and dependent travel allowances for two PCS moves, which was later garnished from your pay in increments over a five-month period. Furthermore, you assert that these entitlements should not have been garnished because the distance between both PCS locations was over 60 miles, meaning you qualified for the entitlements. The Board found that although both PCS orders were funded, your dependents did not move and you never relocated your household; therefore, DLA and dependent travel allowances were not authorized. In accordance with the Joint Travel Regulations, a service member with dependents is authorized DLA only if the dependents relocate in connection with a PCS. Additionally, dependent travel and transportation allowances are not authorized to a location where the dependents do not intend to establish a permanent residence. Because your dependents did not relocate with you to ■■■■■■■■■■, you were not authorized DLA for your PCS to ■■■■■■■■■■. Consequently, since your dependents did not

relocate to ■■■■■, they could not have relocated with you on your subsequent PCS from ■■■■■ back to ■■■■■. The Board considered your reasons for not relocating your dependents; however, you noted that keeping your family in place was a personal decision based on the best interests of your family. Therefore, the Board determined that you were ineligible for DLA for both PCS moves and that a change to your record is not warranted. In this regard, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the 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,

5/22/2026

