

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

USAF/A1PA recommends denial. The applicant states he was deployed from 6 February 2009 to 10 December 2010. In December 2010, he learned that he had been hired at a unit at Beale AFB, California; however, he would not receive orders until the Air Force Chief of Staff (CSAF) announced that Beale was the future home of the MC-12W.

In March 2011, an earthquake affected Japan. OSD P&R issued an evacuation order for dependents. That order did not affect kadena. On 17 March 2011, the applicant purchased travel tickets for his dependents from Kadena to Los Angeles, California. He states that he had been approved circuitous travel, yet, the application did not include documentation to support that statement, nor did it contain documentation regarding the amount he was supposed to bear over and above the authorized government travel.

The applicant's dependents departed Okinawa on 22 March 2011 for Los Angeles. They went on a cruise from 27 March 2011 through 3 April 2011. They departed on 3 April 2011 for Reno, Nevada to pick up a privately owned vehicle and then drove the vehicle to Beale AFB. His dependents did not return to Japan. The CSAF announced the official home of the MC-12W on 8 April 2011. The applicant states he departed on 22 April 2011, but he advised Air Force Personnel Center Family Member Travel that he departed on 30 April 2011. His orders reflect a report no later than date of 31 May 2011.

The Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR) addresses dependent travel and transportation. U5201B-2(b) states a member is not authorized dependent travel and transportation allowances when a dependent travels at personal expense before a PCS order is issued or before official notice is received that such an order is to be issued. JFTR U5201-C addresses dependent travel that occurs after a member is advised that a PCS order will be issued. Essentially, the member must provide a statement by the Approving Official or designated representative that they were advised in accordance with the requirements of the JFTR.

The applicant purchased tickets for his dependents to travel to the United States at which time they went on a cruise. Okinawa was not identified as a location from which dependents were subject of an ordered departure by OSD. The applicant assumed the risk that he would not be reimbursed when he purchased travel tickets for his dependents at his own expense. He could have inquired about early return of dependents rather than act independently. The applicant has not submitted documentation to support that he complied with AFI 24-101 paragraph 3.10, as a result, the reference does not support the applicant's desired outcome.

The complete A1PA evaluation, with attachments, is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 25 September 2012 for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, this office has received no response (Exhibit D).

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
 2. The application was timely filed.
 3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case; however, we agree with the opinion and recommendation of the Air Force office of primary responsibility and adopt its rationale as the basis for our conclusion that the applicant has not supported his contention that he complied with applicable regulations and guidelines. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.
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THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified that the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of material error or injustice; that the application was denied without a personal appearance; and that the application will only be reconsidered upon the submission of newly discovered relevant evidence not considered with this application.

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00198 in Executive Session on 27 November 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence pertaining to AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00198 was considered:

- Exhibit A1. DD Form 149, dated 15 Oct 12, w/atch.
- Exhibit A2. DD Form 149, dated 26 Mar 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, USAF/A1PA, dated 24 Sep 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 25 Sep 12.

Panel Chair