

applicant was authorized one move to his HOS. Based on his retirement application dated 6 April 2011, wherein, he selected a location in the state of Washington as his HOS, he has used his entitlement for travel and shipment of household goods as a result of travel to his HOS on 30 January 2012.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSOR recommends denial. DPSOR states based on the documentation on file in the applicant's master personnel records; the retirement order was consistent with the procedural and substantive requirements of the Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Volume 1.

The complete AFPC/DPSOR evaluation is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

In his response the applicant reiterates his contention that he was mis-counseled regarding his entitlements at the time of his retirement processing. In support of this statement he includes a copy of the Director of the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office's memorandum dated 8 March 2012. In this memorandum the director confirms the applicant's assertion that the entitlement counseling he received was incorrect because of the absence of the DD Form 1797, *Personal Property Counseling Checklist* and AF Form 2473, *Home of Selection Travel and Transportation Entitlements*, which were required documents and should have been provided at the time of the counseling. The applicant also states he did not receive the proper entitlement options as he made clear his intentions to temporarily move to Washington State for six months then move to his home in South Carolina where he has been since early February 2012. Additionally, the applicant expresses his disappointment in the 22 June 2012, AFPC/DPSOR letter which, he states, totally failed to address the main problem of his being mis-counseled or the fact that the Director of JPPSO has confirmed and so stated in his personal memorandum.

The applicant's complete response, with attachment, is at attachment D.

ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

PPA/ECAF recommends approval. ECAF states that according to a memorandum dated 8 March 2012, from the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office, Joint Base Hickam-Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, the

applicant has been provided the benefit of the doubt regarding the entitlement counseling received as being incorrect due to the absence of the AF Form 2473, *Home of Selection Travel and Transportation Entitlements*, and DD Form 1797, *Personal Property Counseling Checklist*, in the shipment file. Based on the above, there was a potential error in counseling resulting in an injustice against the applicant regarding his travel and transportation entitlements upon retirement from an overseas PDS. They concur with the applicant's request for authorization of travel and transportation allowances to Washington, then to his HOS in South Carolina.

The complete PPA/ECAF evaluation is at Exhibit E

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the additional Air Force evaluation (Exhibit F) was forwarded to the applicant on 9 July 2012 for review and comment within 30 days. To date, this office has not received a response.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was timely filed.
3. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of an error or an injustice warranting corrective action. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission, to include his comments provided in rebuttal to the Air Force evaluation, in judging the merits of the case and agree with PPA/ECAF's determination that the applicant should be reimbursed for his out-of-pocket expenses related to his personally procured move (PPM). In this respect, we agree the applicant may not have been provided appropriate counseling concerning his travel and transportation entitlements upon retirement from an overseas permanent duty station. We considered the applicant's request to correct his retirement orders to include a permanent change of station (PCS) without permanent change of assignment (PCA), however; we believe the relief recommended by PPA/ECAF is the more appropriate remedy. Accordingly, we recommend his records be corrected as indicated below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that competent authority approved:

a. The retirement processing station for the applicant was Cashmere Washington, and the applicant was authorized travel and transportation entitlement from Hawaii to his home of selection (HOS) in accordance with Joint Federal Travel Regulations Volume 1, paragraph U5345-G.3.

b. The applicant's incentive payment in the amount of \$5, 445.34 for effecting a 10,360 pound personally procured move (PPM) from Cashmere Washington to Sumter, South Carolina.

The following members of the Board considered this application BC-2012-01115 in Executive Session on 16 October 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 12 March 2012, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. The Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSOR, dated 22 June 2012.
- Exhibit D. Letter, Applicant, dated 5 July 2012.
- Exhibit E. Letter, PPA/ECAF, dated 6 July 2012.
- Exhibit F. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 9 July 2012.

Panel Chair