Starting from the top, here is the reference to the JTR chapter that funds the evacuation for a RC member's family.

060201. Eligibility for Evacuation Allowances
A. Service Member's Dependent. A Service member's dependent may be eligible for evacuation allowances in accordance with 37 U.S.C. §475 and DoDD 3025.14 (Non-combatant Evacuation Operations). A dependent must meet one of the criteria in Table 6-13 to qualify for allowances at the location being evacuated, safe haven, or designated place.

B. RC Member's Dependent

1. A dependent of an RC member (10 U.S.C. §101 and 10 U.S.C. §10101) on active duty or full-time National Guard duty under 32 U.S.C. §502(f) may be eligible for evacuation allowances if all of the following occur together:

a. The RC member is on active duty or full-time National Guard duty when the evacuation order is given. This also applies if the RC member is brought on active duty after an evacuation order is given, provided the eligibility for allowances are still in effect for the location.

b. The dependent actually evacuates from his or her residence or continues to reside at a safe haven.

c. The RC member's primary residence when called or ordered to active duty or full-time National Guard duty is in the vicinity of a PDS.

I do not have specifics, but as I mentioned in our interview, all of our local SELRES (save one savage who rode the storm out here) were on some type of orders during Irma.

Sometime after Irma hit, most likely when he realized moving back was not an option for his family, he changed his primary residence to Seymour, TN. The definition of a RC member's primary residence is located in the appendix of the JTR and is below.

JTR [Appendix A, pg 17] PRIMARY RESIDENCE OF RESERVE COMPONENT (RC) MEMBER. For an RC member ordered to active duty, the primary residence is the dwelling (e.g.., house, townhouse, apartment, condominium, mobile home, houseboat, vessel) where the RC member resides before being ordered to active duty.

1. An RC member can have only one primary residence at any given time. The PLEAD and primary residence may or may not be the same location.

2. The primary residence location determines the RC member's travel and transportation allowances. The Services' administrative policy shall ensure the location is known prior to notification (verbal or written) of the call to active duty travel order. See par. 010206-A regarding modification to travel authorization.

3. If the RC member relocates the primary residence during the active duty order period, and upon termination of the order is issued a new active duty order, the allowances under the new order are based on the new primary residence on the first active duty day, only if there is a break of active duty/service exceeding one full day. The command may request the RC member provide documentation to support the location of their primary residence.

4. The primary residence can only change if there is a break of active duty/service exceeding one full day.

As noted in bullet three the command may request documentation from the RC member to justify the new primary residence. While no guidance is given to Navy AO's the Marine Corps, after a rash of

incorrectly paid travel orders, issued the below MARADMIN which governs how their RC members can establish / change primary residences.

MARADMIN 204/15

B. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND NLT 31 AUGUST 2015, ALL MEMBERS OF THE RC (NON-AR) MUST SUBMIT THE REQUIRED SOURCE DOCUMENTATION FOR VALIDATION OF PRIMARY RESIDENCE… TWO FORMS OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ARE REQUIRED; AT LEAST ONE FORM MUST BE FROM ITEMS (2) THROUGH (7). ACCEPTABLE FORMS INCLUDE BUT MAY NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(1) MEMBER'S DEED, MORTGAGE, VALID COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT, PROPERTY TAX RECORD, AND

(2) UTILITY BILLS.

(3) MEMBER'S PLACE OF CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.

(4) THE PLACE OF ABODE OF THE MEMBER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS/DEPENDENTS.

(5) DRIVER'S LICENSE, AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION, AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, OR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD.

(6) THE MEMBER'S ENROLLMENT IN A RESIDENT TRADE SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY, OR OTHER EDUCATION PROGRAM.

(7) THE MEMBER'S MAILING ADDRESS FOR PERSONAL BILLS, BANK OR CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS.

(8) OTHER DOCUMENTATION THE VALIDATING OFFICIAL DEEMS RELEVENT BASED ON THE TOTALITY OF THE SITUATION.

Exemption (6)

030302. RC Member Performing Active Duty with Pay Who Does Not Commute

A. Eligibility. An RC member on official orders who does not commute daily, but travels between the duty location and the primary residence or PLEAD, which are outside the local area of the duty location, may be eligible for travel allowances (see par. 032301 and par. 032302).

B. Allowances

1. 180 or Fewer Consecutive Days at Any One Location (with No Break in Service). The standard travel and transportation allowances for TDY, in Chapter 2, are payable.

a. If the RC member begins travel from a PLEAD other than the primary residence, then transportation allowances are authorized from the PLEAD to the duty location, and return to the PLEAD or primary residence. However, the reimbursement is limited to what it would have cost for transportation had the traveler only traveled between the RC member's primary residence and duty location.

b. When the original duty period is extended due to unforeseen circumstances, standard travel and transportation allowances continue for the entire period as long as the days remaining on the existing order, plus the number of days added by the extension, total 180 or fewer consecutive days.

2. 181 or More Consecutive Days at Any One Location (with No Break in Service) When the RC Member Does Not Commute

a. An assignment that lasts for 181 or more consecutive days at one location becomes a PCS (see Chapter 5). Per diem is not payable at the PCS location.

b. When an original order is amended to extend the TDY to 181 or more consecutive days from the date of the amendment, the TDY location becomes a PDS. Travel and transportation

So long as each set of orders was less than 180 days (which they were), he was entitled to normal TDY allowances (specifically, per diem M&IE and lodging) for the duration of his orders.

Exemption (6)

I hope that covers all of the details you are looking for regarding this aspect of the complainant's series of complaints.