


**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2019-195**


EN2 (former)

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to change the discharge date on his 1968 DD 214 from July 26, 1968, to July 27, 1968. He stated that his actual discharge date was July 27, 1968, but that because that date fell on a Saturday, the Coast Guard erroneously listed his discharge date as July 26, 1968, which was a Friday. To support his request, he submitted a copy of two signed DD 214s, documenting ten years of active duty in two enlistment periods: July 28, 1958, to July 26, 1962, and then July 27, 1962, to July 26, 1968; nine annual retirement points statements documenting service as a reservist through 1985; his marks form showing his performance evaluation marks from 1976 through 1982; and a Personnel Action sheet showing that he was honorably discharged from the Coast Guard Reserve on September 16, 1985. The applicant stated that he discovered the alleged error in his record on October 20, 2017, but did not explain why he did not discover the alleged error on the day he received and signed his DD 214 in 1968.

On January 14, 2020, the Coast Guard submitted an advisory opinion recommending that the Board deny relief in this case. The Coast Guard argued that the application should be denied because it is untimely and the applicant did not provide any justification for the untimeliness. Regarding the merits, the Coast Guard recommended denying the request because the applicant's DD 214 is correct in showing that he was separated from active duty on July 26, 1968. The Coast Guard argued that this date is correct because the Personnel Manual then in effect states that members whose normal expiration of enlistment falls on a Sunday, Saturday, or holiday may be discharged up to seven days before the expiration of their enlistment.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The request is untimely because the applicant was discharged in 1968, and a cursory review of the merits reveals that he is unlikely to prevail. His DD 214 shows that he reenlisted on active duty on July 27, 1962, and was discharged on Friday, July 26, 1968. This discharge date is correct because Article 12.B.10. of the Personnel Manual states unless reenlisted or extended on active duty, a member shall be discharged or released from active duty on the day *before* the applicable enlistment anniversary date. The applicant reenlisted for six years on July 27, 1962, and so the anniversary of this reenlistment contract was July 27, and he was properly discharged exactly six years later, on July 26, the day before his enlistment anniversary date, in accordance with Article 12.B.10. of the Personnel Manual. Accordingly, the Board finds no evidence of error on the applicant's DD 214, and it will not excuse the untimeliness or waive the statute of limitations. The applicant's request should be denied.

ORDER

The application of former EN2 [REDACTED], USCG, for correction of his military record is denied.

July 24, 2020

