

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket No. 2003-077

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FINAL DECISION

ANDREWS, Deputy Chair:

This proceeding was conducted according to the provisions of section 1552 of title 10 and section 425 of title 14 of the United States Code. The BCMR docketed this case on May 19, 2003, upon receipt of the applicant's completed application.

This final decision, dated December 18, 2003, is signed by the three duly appointed members who were designated to serve as the Board in this case.

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his official home of record from xxxxxxxx, MS, to xxxxxxxx, MN. He alleged that he grew up in Minnesota and lived there until he entered active duty. However, because he was visiting Mississippi when he entered the Reserve under the delayed entry program (DEP), his home of record was erroneously listed as Mississippi.

The applicant's DEP enlistment application, dated March 24, 1989, shows that his mailing address was in xxxxxx, MN, but that his home of record was in Mississippi. The next page of the form shows that he had lived in Minnesota since at least 1981 and was still living there. On April 18, 1989, when the applicant was released from the Reserve to enlist in the regular Coast Guard, he was asked to review all of the information on his DEP application and to indicate whether it was correct. He indicated that it was all correct except for his home of record, which, he wrote in the space provided for corrections, should be xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, MN xxxxx.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief. He stated that the applicant had claimed xxxxxx, MN, as his home of record since his enlistment on April 18, 1989, and that his attempt to correct the error on his DEP enlistment application had been overlooked. He pointed out that the Joint Federal

Travel Regulations (JFTR) define “home of record” as “[t]he place recorded as the home of the individual when commissioned, appointed, enlisted, inducted, or ordered into a tour of active duty.”

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board makes the following findings and conclusions on the basis of the applicant's military record and submissions, the Coast Guard's submissions, and applicable law:

1. The Board has jurisdiction concerning this matter pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 1552. The application was timely.
2. The applicant’s DEP enlistment application shows that he was living in xxxxxx, MN, when he enlisted in the regular Coast Guard, but also shows an address in xxxxxxxx, MS, as his home of record. Since he was living in Minnesota when he enlisted, under the JFTR, his home of record should have been listed as xxxxxx, MN. His attempt to correct his home of record less than one month later, when he enlisted in the regular Coast Guard, was apparently overlooked.
3. Accordingly, the Board agrees with the Chief Counsel that the applicant’s request should be granted.

ORDER

The application of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted.

His record shall be corrected to show that his official “home of record” when he enlisted was xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, MN xxxxx.

The Coast Guard shall pay him any amount he may be due as a result of this correction.

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