

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction
of Coast Guard Record of:



BCMR Docket
No. 110-96

FINAL DECISION

 Chairman:

This is a proceeding under the provisions of section 1552 of title 10, United States Code. It was commenced on May 3, 1996, upon the BCMR's receipt of the applicant's request for correction of his military record.

This final decision, dated April 18, 1997, is signed by the three duly appointed members who were designated to serve as the Board in this case.

Request for Relief

The applicant, a former lieutenant on active duty, asked the Board to change the reenlistment code assigned to him upon release from active duty from "RE2 to RE1 or equivalent (sic)." He alleged that his assigned reentry code does not allow him to join a military reserve organization.

Views of the Coast Guard

The Coast Guard Personnel Command reviewed the application and recommended that relief be granted. It noted that the correct answer, for an officer or a cadet, for the RE Code block on the DD Form 214 [Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty] was "NA" [not applicable].

The Personnel Command stated that "RE-Codes do not apply to officers" and that "[i]t was an administrative error by the Coast Guard to assign an RE-Code to the applicant." A copy of the applicable pages of COMDTINST M1900.49 was enclosed. According to these provisions, "NA" should be entered on Block 27 of DD Form 214, and RE-2 means ineligible for reenlistment because of status.

On March 25, 1997, the head of the Military Justice Division of the Office of the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard notified the BCMR that it had granted the

relief requested by the applicant. He recommended that the application be administratively closed.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

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

1. The Board has jurisdiction of the case pursuant to section 1552 of title 10, United States Code.
2. The applicant was assigned reenlistment code RE-2, upon his May 30, 1996 honorable discharge from Coast Guard.
3. The assignment of an RE code to the applicant was an administrative error because RE codes do not apply to officers.
4. The Coast Guard has admitted error by discharging the applicant with a RE code when RE codes do not apply to officers.
5. The applicant's RE code should be changed to "NA."

ORDER

The military record of former _____, USCG has been corrected by changing his reenlistment code from RE-2 to NA. His application is accordingly administratively closed.

