

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

Application for Correction
of Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket
No. 150-96

FINAL DECISION

████████ Deputy Chairman:

This is a proceeding under the provisions of section 1552 of title 10, United States Code. It was commenced on August 26, 1996, upon the receipt by the BCMR of the applicant's request for correction of his military record.¹

This final decision, dated December 19, 1997, was signed by three duly appointed members who were designated to serve as the Board in this case.

Application for Relief

The applicant is a retired seaman (SN; pay grade E-3). He alleged that block 15 of his DD Form 214, certificate of release or discharge, should have been marked "Yes" rather than "No" for "member contributed to post-Vietnam era veterans educational assistance program" (VEAP). He stated that he contributed \$100.00 per month for 12 months.

The applicant enlisted in the Coast Guard on July 27, 1992. He was temporarily retired on May 17, 1995 due to a medical disability.

Views of the Coast Guard

The Coast Guard recommended that the applicant's request be denied. The Coast Guard stated the following:

¹ The military record was not received in this case until March 27, 1997. The 10-month processing time began to run from that date.

Block 15 of the DD-214 form [Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty] only documents contributions to the "Post-Viet Nam Era Veteran's Educational Assistance Program" (VEAP). . . . Applicant did not contribute to VEAP. His DD-214 is therefore correct. Applicant's evidence shows that he contributed to a different education program, which was established under the Montgomery GI bill: the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program (AVFEAP). . . . Applicant's DD-214 documents his eligibility for this program by stating his initial term of Service in block 18 of the DD Form 214. COMDTINST M1900.4D, ART. 1E.

SUMMARY OF RECORD AND SUBMISSIONS

The applicant was enrolled in the Montgomery G.I. Bill (MGIB) starting August 13, 1992. The evidence of record indicates that the applicant made the required monetary contribution to this program.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

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

1. The Board has jurisdiction to determine the issues in this proceeding under section 1552 of title 10, United States Code.
2. The applicant enlisted in the Coast Guard on July 27, 1992. He contributed \$1,200 to the Montgomery GI Bill program. He did not, however, contribute to the VEAP program.
3. The applicant alleged that the Coast Guard committed an error in stating that he did not contribute to the VEAP program. The Coast Guard was correct in saying that the applicant did not contribute to the VEAP program.
4. The applicant's DD-214 was correct. Accordingly, the applicant's request should be denied.
5. If the applicant is seeking MGIB benefits, he should apply directly, in writing, to the nearest office of the Department of Veterans Affairs [DVA], since

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that agency administers the MGIB program. The applicant has not provided any evidence that he was denied MGIB benefits.

ORDER

The application to correct the military record of
USCG (Ret.), is denied.

