

**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. 2015-060**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct block 15.a. of his DD 214 to show that he contributed to the Post-Vietnam Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP). He stated that his DD 214 currently indicates that he did not contribute to the program. In support of his application he submitted a copy of his DD 214, and block 15.a. is marked "NO," indicating that he did not contribute to VEAP. The applicant also submitted a copy of a Cash Collection Voucher and a copy of a check made payable to the Coast Guard in the amount of \$1,350. The voucher indicates that the \$1350 check was received by the Coast Guard on May 9, 2002, to enroll the applicant in the Montgomery GI Bill program. His record shows that he enlisted in the Coast Guard on October 16, 1991, and retired on May 31, 2012, after completing more than twenty years of service.

On August 17, 2015, the Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Coast Guard submitted an advisory opinion recommending that the Board deny relief in accordance with a memorandum submitted by the Commander, Personnel Service Center (PSC). PSC argued that block 15.a. of the applicant's DD 214 is correct because the record shows that he enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill program on May 9, 2002, and was never enrolled in VEAP. PSC stated that according to the Personnel and Pay Procedures Manual, PSCINST M1000.2B, VEAP was available only to members who served between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985, and that the applicant did not enlist until 1991.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

COMDTINST M1900.4D contains the Coast Guard's instructions for preparing the DD 214, and it states that if the member contributed to VEAP during their enlistment then block 15.a. of the DD 214 should be marked "YES" and marked "NO" if they did not contribute to VEAP. Block 15.a. of the applicant's DD 214 correctly indicates "NO" because VEAP was available only to members who served between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985, and the record shows that the applicant enlisted in 1991, several years after VEAP had expired. The record also shows that the applicant enrolled in the Montgomery GI Bill program on May 9, 2002, by writing a \$1350 check to the Coast Guard. Accordingly, the applicant's request should be denied because his DD 214 correctly indicates that he did not contribute to VEAP.

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ORDER

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

November 20, 2015

