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. 2015-120

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he sold 30 days of leave when he reenlisted on March 11, 2015. He stated that he completed a career intentions worksheet (CIW) on March 4, 2015, and indicated that he wanted to sell 30 days of leave, but alleged that the request was never processed by the Coast Guard because it was not noted on his reenlistment contract. The applicant's record shows that he completed a CIW on March 4, 2015, indicating that he intended to reenlist for 6 years and noted in block 24 that he wanted to sell 30 days of leave. He signed a 6-year reenlistment contract on March 11, 2015, and the contract does not indicate that he is selling any leave. His record shows that he sold 30 days of leave when he reenlisted on May 27, 2005, and had 84.5 days of leave as of March 15, 2015. Subsequent pay statements show that he was not paid for any sale of leave upon his reenlistment in 2015.

On September 30, 2015, the Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard submitted an advisory opinion recommending that the Board grant relief in accordance with a memorandum submitted by the Commander, Personnel Service Center (PSC). PSC noted that the applicant was eligible to sell 30 days of leave when he reenlisted on March 11, 2015, but that his request was never processed and he was never paid. PSC noted that the applicant had 84.5 days of leave as of March 15, 2015, and was eligible to sell up to 30 days of unused leave when he reenlisted because Chapter 2.A.20. of COMDTINST M1000.8A allows members to receive payment for unused leave when they reenlist, up to a career maximum of 60 days. The applicant agreed with the JAG's recommendation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Chapter 2.A.20. of COMDTINST M1000.8A, the Coast Guard Military Assignments and Authorized Absences manual, states that active duty members are entitled to sell unused earned leave when they reenlist, to a career maximum of 60 days. The record shows that the applicant sold 30 days of leave in 2005 and noted on his March 4, 2015, CIW that he wanted to sell another 30 days of leave when he reenlisted on March 11, 2015. Thus, the Board finds that he was entitled to sell 30 days of leave when he reenlisted on March 11, 2015, and that the Coast Guard erred when it failed to process his request. Accordingly, the applicant's record should be corrected to show that he sold 30 days of leave when he reenlisted on March 11, 2015, and his leave balance should be adjusted accordingly.

ORDER

The application of the Coast Guard shall correct his record to show that he sold 30 days of leave upon reenlisting on March 11, 2015, and it shall pay him any amount due as a result of this correction. His leave balance shall be adjusted to reflect this sale.

March 4, 2016

