

**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. 2018-053**



SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct block 16 (Days Accrued Leave Paid) of his DD 214 to show that he was not paid for any unused leave upon his separation from active duty. Block 16 of his DD 214 currently shows that he sold 17.5 days of leave upon his separation on January 1, 2018, but he alleged that he was not paid for that leave and that the accrued leave is “still on the books.” Because a member cannot legally retain leave after discharge, the Board interprets his request as wanting to be paid for the 17.5 days of accrued unused leave that he alleges he was not paid for. His record shows that he was recalled to active duty on Title 10 orders on January 15, 2017, was discharged on January 1, 2018, and accrued the 17.5 days of leave during that period.

On May 10, 2018, the Coast Guard submitted an advisory opinion recommending that the Board deny relief in this case because the applicant was paid for 17.5 days of unused leave upon separation. To support this claim, the Coast Guard submitted the applicant’s Statement of Monthly Income for the pay period January 1 to 15, 2018, and it shows that he was paid a lump sum payment for unused leave in the amount of \$1,594.43 (base pay of \$91.11 x 17.5 days = \$1,594.43).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The applicant has not proven that the entry in block 16 on his DD 214 is erroneous or unjust. The preponderance of the evidence shows that he was paid for 17.5 days of unused accrued leave in the amount of \$1,594.43 on January 15, 2018. Accordingly, his request should be denied because block 16 of his DD 214 is correct as issued.

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ORDER

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

February 8, 2019

