

**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. 2014-166**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he received the Overseas Service Ribbon for his service at the Integrated Support Command in [REDACTED], from December 2007 to July 2010. He enlisted in the Coast Guard on June 18, 2007, served in [REDACTED] from December 13, 2007, to June 28, 2010, and was honorably discharged on July 1, 2013. The Coast Guard created the Overseas Service Ribbon on October 28, 2009, announced eligibility criteria via ALCOAST 215/10, and issued ALCOAST 615/10 to clarify that "overseas" is defined as duty outside the fifty United States at a shore based duty station or on-board a cutter permanently assigned to an overseas area.

The Coast Guard recommended that the Board deny relief because, under ALCOAST 615/10, service in [REDACTED] does not qualify as overseas service for the purpose of the Overseas Service Ribbon. In response, the applicant agreed with the Coast Guard's recommendation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The applicant has failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that he is eligible to receive the Overseas Service Ribbon. ALCOAST 215/10 states that the Overseas Service Ribbon is authorized for members who successfully complete a tour of duty of at least 12 months at an overseas shore based duty station, and ALCOAST 615/10 clarifies that overseas is duty outside the fifty United States. The applicant served in [REDACTED] for more than a year but did not serve at an overseas duty station or aboard a cutter permanently assigned to an overseas area. Accordingly, the application should be denied.

ORDER

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

April 24, 2015

