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. 2018-125

[redacted]
AE2 (former)

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his DD 214 to show that he received the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon. His DD 214 shows that he served on active duty from January 1992 to November 1997 and performed a total of 1 year, 8 months, and 7 days of sea duty.

On September 28, 2018, the Coast Guard submitted a memorandum from the Personnel Service Center (PSC) recommending that the Board grant partial relief by correcting the applicant's DD 214 to show that he received the Sea Service Ribbon because he completed more than a year of sea service. But with regards to the Overseas Service Ribbon, PSC stated that the applicant is not eligible for this ribbon because the Medals and Awards Manual defines "overseas" as "duty outside the United States," and although he served in Hawaii, he was never assigned outside of the United States. The Board invited the applicant to respond to this recommendation but did not receive a response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The applicant has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that he is eligible to receive the Sea Service Ribbon, but he has failed to prove that he is eligible for the Overseas Service ribbon. He is eligible for the Sea Service Ribbon because he served more than a year of cumulative sea duty after 1984, as required by Article 5.A.19. of the Medals and Awards Manual. But he has not shown that he is entitled to receive the Overseas Service Ribbon because, although he served in Hawaii, he was never stationed "overseas" as that term is defined in Article 5.A.21.b. of the Medals and Awards Manual**.** Therefore, his DD 214 should be corrected to show that he is entitled to wear the Sea Service Ribbon.

ORDER

The application of former AE2 [redacted] USCG, for correction of his military record is granted in part. The Coast Guard shall correct his DD 214 by issuing a DD 215 to show that he is entitled to wear the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon. No other relief is granted.

February 22, 2019

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