

**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. 2018-126**

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RD3 (former)

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his DD 214 to show that he received the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM). He was a member of the Reserve under the Delayed Entry Program (DEP) from August 21, 1974, to November 17, 1974, and enlisted on active duty on November 18, 1974. He was released from active duty on November 17, 1978. According to the Coast Guard Medals and Awards Manual, the NDSM is authorized for members with honorable active service for any period from June 1950, to July 28, 1954; January 1, 1961, to August 14, 1974; August 2, 1990, to November 30, 1995; or September 12, 2001, to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense.

The Coast Guard recommended that the Board deny relief because the applicant did not qualify for the NDSM. He entered the DEP on August 21, 1974, and the end date for the NDSM was August 14, 1974. The applicant did not reply to the Coast Guard's recommendation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The application is untimely under 10 U.S.C. § 1552(b) because it was filed more than three years after the applicant received his DD 214. A cursory review indicates that the applicant has failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that he is eligible to receive the NDSM. His record shows that he did not perform active military service during any of the periods for which the NDSM is authorized. Accordingly, the Board will not waive the statute of limitations, and the application should be denied.

ORDER

The application of former RD3 ██████████, USCG, for correction of his military record is denied.

February 22, 2019

