


**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

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Application for the Correction of  
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION  
BCMR Docket No. 2019-067**

  
BM2 (former)

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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

The applicant asked the Board to correct his DD 214 to show that he received the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal (GCM). He argued that he is eligible for the medal for his service from his enlistment on February 6, 2001, to February 5, 2004, because he did not receive any non-judicial punishment (NJP) nor was he court martialled during that period. A CG-3307 (“Page 7”) in his record shows that he incurred his first “alcohol incident” on January 10, 2002, when he was arrested by local police for disorderly conduct. There is no contemporaneous Page 7 noting that his eligibility period for the GCM had ended as a result of this alcohol incident. He received a second alcohol incident on April 1, 2004, and a Page 7 was entered in his record noting that his eligibility period for a GCM had recommenced as of May 1, 2004. The applicant was retained on active duty under the “second chance program” and honorably discharged when his enlistment expired on February 5, 2005. He argued that the Board should consider his application in the interest of justice because he has not reviewed his DD 214 since his discharge.

On June 5, 2019, the Coast Guard submitted an advisory opinion recommending that the Board deny relief. However, the Coast Guard addressed only the applicant’s eligibility for a GCM for his service after February 5, 2004, and not for his service from February 6, 2001, to February 5, 2004.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The application is untimely because the applicant was discharged and signed his DD 214 in 2005. He did not justify his delay in applying to the Board, and a cursory review of the merits shows that he is unlikely to prevail. Chapter 5.A.1 of the awards manual states that the GCM is awarded for proficiency in rating, sobriety, obedience, industry, courage and neatness for a period of three years. The record indicates that the applicant was not eligible to receive a GCM for his service from February 6, 2001, to February 5, 2004, because he received an alcohol incident on January 10, 2002, which terminated his eligibility for the medal.<sup>1</sup> His command’s decision not to issue him the GCM medal for this period is presumptively correct, and the applicant has not submitted sufficient evidence to overcome this presumption.

Accordingly, the Board finds no reason to excuse the untimeliness of the application or to waive the statute of limitations. His request should be denied.

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<sup>1</sup> Article 10.B.5.c.(2)(g) of the Personnel Manual then in effect required preparation of a disciplinary performance evaluation when a member incurred an “alcohol incident.” Article 10.B.2.a.1.g. required the member to receive an Unsatisfactory conduct mark on the evaluation, documented on a Page 7. Article 10.B.9.b. states that a member’s eligibility period for the GCM terminates when an Unsatisfactory conduct mark is received, and that termination should be documented on a Page 7.

**ORDER**

The application of former BM2 [REDACTED] USCG, for correction of his military record is denied.

March 20, 2020

