

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket No. 2012-072

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FINAL DECISION

This proceeding was conducted according to the provisions of section 1552 of title 10 of the United States Code. The applicant asked the Board to correct a Discharge Hospital Summary report by changing “Cape May” to “U.S. Naval Base Staten Island” in the first sentence of the second paragraph of that document. The paragraph reads as follows, with the sentence to be corrected underlined.

The patient says he has been extremely tense since he was at Cape May. While there on one occasion on his anxiety reached panic state and he tried to drive his car out of the base against orders. He was stopped at the gate and put in the brig “until I cooled off.”

The applicant stated that he went to recruit training at Cape May where recruits were not allowed to have cars. Therefore, the events discussed in the above paragraph could not have occurred at Cape May. He stated that the events occurred at U.S. Naval Base Staten Island. The applicant did not state why he needed the change, but a document in the record suggests that he is seeking benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

On April 20, 2012, the Coast Guard sought advice from the Chair on how to make the correction requested by the applicant. The Chair advised the Coast Guard that the correction should be made on the document by whiting or crossing out “Cape May” and writing in “U.S. Naval Base, Staten Island,” with an asterisk that explains that the correction is made pursuant to BCMR No. 2012-072. However, apparently there was a miscommunication between the Chair and the Coast Guard. The Chair believed that the Coast Guard was seeking advice on how to make the recommendation for correction to the Board in an advisory opinion. Instead, the Coast Guard made the correction and sent a copy of the correction to the applicant and the Board with a letter stating that it had made the correction and recommending that the application be administratively closed. The applicant has not objected to the Coast Guard’s action. However, a problem exists because there is no BCMR order in the military record ordering the correction as

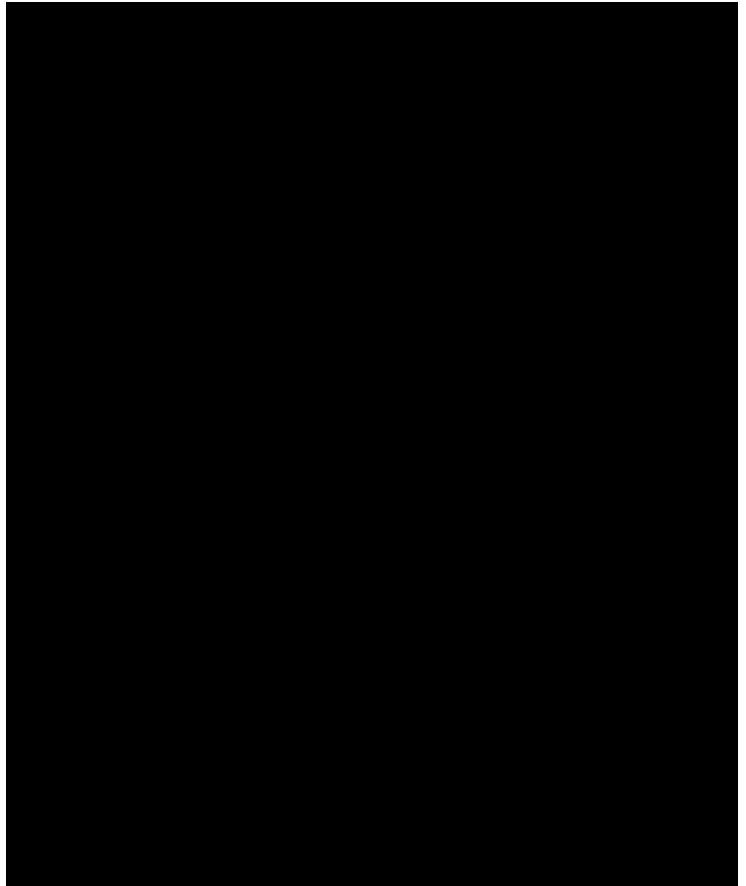
referenced by the Coast Guard on the Discharge Summary. To rectify this anomaly, the Board issues the following order ratifying the action taken by the Coast Guard in correcting the February 28, 1961 Discharge Summary.

ORDER

The application of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, for correction of his military record is granted in accordance with the correction made by the Coast Guard that changed "Cape May" to "U.S. Naval Base Staten Island," in the first sentence of the second paragraph on the February 28, 1961, (Hospital) Discharge Summary.

No other relief was or is granted.

July 18, 2012
Date



*The third member of the Board was unavailable. However, pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 52.11(b), two designated members constitute a quorum of the Board.