

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-104**

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct her home of record from Silverdale, WA, to xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Jacksonville, TX, 75766. She alleged that she grew up in Texas and had always intended to live there. However, when she enlisted in the Reserve, she was living with her father, who as an officer in the Reserve had accepted orders to Washington. Therefore, not knowing the true significance of a "home of record," she listed her then current mailing address at his house as her home of record on one of her enlistment papers. However, when she moved back to Texas after she left extended active duty, she received no moving allowance and had to leave all of her furniture behind because Silverdale was listed as her home of record. The applicant submitted a letter from her father, stating that the family lived in Texas and that his daughter had always intended to return to Texas with the family.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief. He stated that every document in the applicant's record except one shows that Jacksonville, TX, is her home of record, and that he and the Personnel Command are persuaded that the entry of the Silverdale address as her home of record on that one form was "a bona fide error."

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The applicant's original enlistment contract shows a Silverdale address as her home of record. However, the DD form 1966 she completed with her recruiter shows the Silverdale address as her current mailing address and the Texas address as her home of record. She was born in Texas, and her discharge form shows Jacksonville, TX, as her home of record. Accordingly, the Board agrees with the Chief Counsel that the applicant's request should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCGR, shall be corrected to show that her official "home of record" when she enlisted was xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, Jacksonville, TX, 75766. The Coast Guard shall pay her the amount due as a result of this correction.

January 16, 2003
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