

**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. 2006-080**

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that the first installment of his Career Status Bonus (CSB) was deposited directly into his Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) account. He alleged that although he submitted the proper forms, only part of his CSB installment for 2005 was paid into his TSP account, and the tax consequences of the mistake were significant. The applicant submitted a copy of his CSB Election form, which shows that on November 1, 2005, he elected to receive the CSB in three installments of \$10,000 each, and that he intended to deposit it in his TSP account. He also submitted a copy of a TSP Election form dated November 1, 2005, which shows that he elected to have 100% of the bonus paid into his TSP account.

The Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegation of error. The JAG stated that under COMDTINST M7220.29A, the applicant was entitled to contribute 100% of his CSB installment into his TSP account in 2005 because he otherwise contributed only \$1,833 to the account whereas he was allowed to contribute up to \$14,000. Although the applicant took the proper steps to have 100% of the bonus paid into his TSP account, the JAG stated that the Coast Guard erred by paying only 10% of the installment into his TSP account.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Articles 5.E.7.b. and 6.G.5.a(1) of COMDTINST M7220.29A, the applicant was entitled to have up to \$14,000 of his pay deposited in his TSP account in 2005. The record shows that he took the required steps to have his entire \$10,000 CSB installment for 2005 deposited in his TSP account. The JAG has certified that he was eligible to do so because he had otherwise paid only \$1,833 into the account in 2005. However, the Coast Guard erred by depositing only 10% of the CSB installment, rather than 100%, into the applicant's TSP account. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of BM1 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that 100% of his first \$10,000 installment on his Career Status Bonus in 2005 was deposited directly into his Thrift Savings Plan account.

November 21, 2006
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