

**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. 2011-055**

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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

The applicant asked the Board to correct her record to show that she enlisted in the regular Coast Guard for 6 years in pay grade E-3, instead of E-1. She alleged that when she enlisted, she thought she was enlisting for 6 years starting as an E-3. The Record of Military Processing prepared by a recruiter and signed by the applicant on August 16, 2010, shows that she enlisted in the Reserve for 6 years as an E-1 on August 19, 2010, under the Delayed Entry Program, and enlisted in the regular active duty Coast Guard for 8 years as an E-3 on September 21, 2010. The first page of her enlistment contract shows an 8-year Reserve enlistment “beginning in pay grade E-3 of which 6 years and 0 weeks is considered an active duty obligation, and 2 years and 0 weeks will be serve in the Reserve ... I understand that I will be ordered to active duty unless I report [to the recruiting office] by 2010 09 21 for enlistment in the Regular component of the United States ... Coast Guard for not less than 6 years and 0 weeks.” However, the third page of the contract shows that a recruiting official enlisted her as an E-1. An Annex G, which the applicant and her recruiter signed on August 16, 2010, shows that she agreed to a 6-year enlistment to be able to start active duty as an E-3. The annex is incorporated by reference in the Record of Military Processing but not in the enlistment contract.

The Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief because the record supports the applicant’s allegations and her recruiter has affirmed that she was enlisted for 6 years “with the full understanding that she was enlisting as an E-3 ... [A]t MEPS somehow the [enlistment contract] was incorrectly entered in as E-1 and should have been E-3.”

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

In light of her enlistment contract and the recruiter’s statement, the Board finds that the applicant has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that as a result of an administrative error, she was mistakenly enlisted in pay grade E-1, when in fact she only agreed to enlist on active duty as an E-3, and that her record erroneously shows a 6-year, instead of an 8-year, Reserve obligation and an 8-year, instead of a 6-year, active duty obligation. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

**[ORDER AND SIGNATURES APPEAR ON NEXT PAGE]**

**ORDER**

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that she enlisted in the Reserve for 8 years on August 19, 2010, with a 6-year active duty obligation and a 2-year Reserve obligation, and that she enlisted in the regular, active duty Coast Guard for 6 years on September 21, 2010, in pay grade E-3. The Coast Guard shall pay her any amount due as a result of these corrections.

July 14, 2011  
Date

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