

**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. 2010-103**

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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

The applicant asked the Board to correct her discharge form DD 214 to show in block 12.a. that she entered active duty on July 1, 2002, when she became a cadet at the Coast Guard Academy, and to include her 4 years as a cadet in the calculation of her total service in block 12.c. Her DD 214 currently shows that she entered active duty upon her commissioning on May 17, 2006, and that she had accumulated just 1 year, 6 months, and 13 days of active duty upon her discharge on November 29, 2007.

The Coast Guard recommended that the Board deny relief, stating that under Article 12.C.16.a.5. of the Personnel Manual and COMDTINST M1900.4D, the instruction manual for completing DD 214s, an officer's time attending a Service Academy may not be counted in computing the length of the officer's service for any purpose and so is not reflected on a DD 214.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Article 12.C.16.a.5. of the Personnel Manual states that "[s]ervice time while attending a Service Academy may not be counted in computing, for any purpose, the length of service of an officer." COMDTINST M1900.4D states with regard to the net active service entry in block 12.c. that "service while attending a Service Academy as a cadet is creditable for enlisted members reverted to enlisted status, but in no case is it creditable for a member commissioned as an officer." Therefore, the Board agrees with the Coast Guard that the entries in blocks 12.a. and 12.c. on the applicant's DD 214 are correct and no change is warranted. Accordingly, her request should be denied.

**ORDER**

The application of former Ensign xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, for correction of her military record is denied.

October 21, 2010  
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