

**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. 2005-062**

XXXXX xxxxxxxx.  
Xx xx xxxx, YN3/E-4

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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

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The applicant asked the Board to void her current 5-year reenlistment contract and replace it with a 3-year extension contract. On December 21, 2004, the applicant received transfer orders and was required to have 4 years of obligated service to accept the orders. On January 14, 2005, she signed a 5-year reenlistment contract to obligate sufficient service to accept the orders. The applicant alleged that a yeoman told her that she had to reenlist for 5 years to obligate sufficient service because she had already used her maximum allowable time for extensions. The applicant further alleged that the yeoman was mistaken and that she could have extended her enlistment for 3 years in lieu of reenlisting for 5 years. The record indicates that the applicant had previously extended her enlistment on two separate occasions for a total of 3 years.

On June 15, 2005, the Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief. He stated that the Coast Guard erred and that the applicant was only required to extend her enlistment for 2 years and 9 months to obligate sufficient service for transfer. He noted that she had previously used 3 of the 6 years of extensions allowed by the Coast Guard.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Under Articles 4.A.5.b. and 4.B.6.a. of the Personnel Manual, the applicant needed to reenlist or extend her enlistment to have at least 4 years of obligated service prior to accepting her transfer orders. On the effective date of her orders, she had 1 year and 3 months remaining on her enlistment. Accordingly, the applicant was only required to extend her enlistment for 2 years and 9 months to obligate a 4-year tour. Under Article 1.G.15.c., the total of all extensions of an enlistment may not exceed 6 years, and as the JAG noted, the applicant had previously used 3 years of extensions and was eligible for another 3 years of extensions. The preponderance of the evidence suggests that if she had been properly counseled, she would have signed a 2 year, 9 month extension contract to obligate sufficient service to accept her transfer orders. Accordingly, her request should be granted.

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

**ORDER**

The military record of YN3 XXXX XXXXX, xxx xx xxxx, USCG, shall be corrected by removing the January 14, 2005, 5-year reenlistment contract from her record as null and void and replacing it with a 2-year, 9-month extension contract.

September 22, 2005  
Date

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