

**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. 2010-050**

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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

The applicant asked to be paid a \$6,000 Selected Reserve (SELRES) enlistment bonus that she was promised for her 6-year enlistment on August 7, 2007. The promise of the bonus is documented in her record on a Page 7 and a Record of Military Processing, both dated July 19, 2007. However, she never received the bonus. The Page 7 cites ALCOAST 056/06, which authorized bonuses for recruits who agreed to train and serve as marine science technicians (MSTs). ALCOAST 056/06 was canceled in March 2007 by ALCOAST 064/07, which did not authorize any bonuses for recruits entering the MST rating. Under both ALCOASTs, enlistment bonuses were paid in halves, with half due upon completion of "A" School and half due a year later if the participation standards in Chapter 4 of the Reserve Policy Manual had been met. The applicant completed MST "A" School on March 21, 2008.

The Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief because the record supports the applicant's allegation.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The applicant has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that she was erroneously promised a \$6,000 bonus for her 6-year SELRES enlistment. The Page 7 dated July 19, 2007, shows that in promising her the bonus, her recruiter relied on an ALCOAST that was no longer in effect. As a potential recruit, the applicant had no way to know that ALCOAST 056/06 had been canceled, and she should have been able to rely on her recruiter. Therefore, the Board finds that the recruiter's promise should be kept, and the applicant should be paid the enlistment bonus in accordance with the payment terms of the ALCOASTs.

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

