

**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. 2010-046**

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he extended his enlistment for 3 years, instead of 4, to accept orders to transfer to [REDACTED] on July 1, 2009. He alleged that a yeoman told him that he had to extend for 4 years, but he later learned that he could have fulfilled the requirement by signing a 3-year contract. The applicant submitted a copy of his transfer orders, which state that to transfer to [REDACTED] on July 1, 2009, he had to have 4 years of obligated service through July 1, 2013. He also submitted a copy of Article 4.A.5.b. of the Personnel Manual, which shows that [REDACTED] is one of the semi-isolated shore units for which the tour of duty is 3 years instead of 4. The applicant first enlisted on October 24, 2005, for 4 years running through October 23, 2009.

The Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief because, under Article 4.A.5.b. of the Personnel Manual, a full tour of duty at [REDACTED] is 3 years.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Article 4.B.6.a. of the Personnel Manual, members with less than 6 years of service will not normally be transferred unless they obligate service to complete a full tour of duty at the new unit. Under Article 4.A.5.b., a full tour of duty at [REDACTED] is 3 years. The applicant's records show that he was required to extend his enlistment for 4 years before transferring to [REDACTED]. In fact, he should have been required to obligate service from July 1, 2009, to July 1, 2012, not 2013. Because his enlistment already ran through October 23, 2009, he needed to extend it for just 33 months, from October 24, 2009, to July 23, 2012, to accept his transfer orders. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that in 2009, he extended his enlistment for 33 months, instead of 48 months, to obligate service for a 3-year tour of duty at [REDACTED] from July 1, 2009, to July 1, 2012.

August 26, 2010

Date

