

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2000-074**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

ANDREWS, Attorney-Advisor:

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years, instead of extending his enlistment for 3 years, on January 15, 1999, prior to his sixth active duty anniversary on January 19, 1999. He alleged that he was wrongly counseled that he would be eligible for a Zone A SRB if he extended. However, the extension did not entitle him to an SRB because it did not become operative while he was in Zone A. He alleged that if he had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted for 6 years to receive the SRB. ALDIST 290/98 authorized a Zone A SRB with a multiple of one for members in the DC rating who reenlisted between November 25, 1998, and June 14, 1999. The applicant's extension contract dated January 15, 1999, stated that it would entitle him to a Zone A SRB.

On August 22, 2000, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board correct the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years instead of extending.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB prior to his sixth active duty anniversary. The Coast Guard erred when it advised him that his extension would entitle him to a Zone A SRB. If the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted to receive the SRB rather than extending. Accordingly, relief should be granted by correcting the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on January 15, 1999.

ORDER

The application of XXXXXXXXXXXXX, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. It shall be corrected to show that he was discharged and reenlisted on January 15, 1999, for 6 years to receive a Zone A SRB under ALDIST 290/98. The extension contract dated January 15, 1999, shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

Date

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