

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2000-107

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

ANDREWS, Attorney-Advisor:

On April 3, 2000, the applicant asked the Board to change the date of his 6-year reenlistment from November 2, 1999, to February 1, 2000, his 6th active duty anniversary. In November 1999, the applicant was required to extend his enlistment by at least 1 month to obligate sufficient service to accept transfer orders. His record contains two entries indicating that he was advised that if he reenlisted for 6 years prior to his 6th anniversary (while still in Zone A), he would receive a Zone B SRB. However, under COMDTINST 7220.33, members must have completed at least 6 years of active duty to receive a Zone B SRB. The applicant had already received a Zone A SRB and was ineligible for another. ALCOAST 184/99 authorized a Zone B SRB for members in the BM rating who reenlisted on or after January 1, 2000.

On November 7, 2000, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board correct the applicant's record to show that he extended his enlistment for 1 month on November 2, 1999, and reenlisted for 6 years on February 1, 2000.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for a Zone B SRB under ALCOAST 184/99. The record indicates that the Coast Guard erred by failing to counsel him properly. If the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have extended his enlistment for 1 month on November 2, 1999, and reenlisted for 6 years on February 1, 2000, to qualify for a Zone B SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The record of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he extended his enlistment for 1 month on November 2, 1999, for OBLISERV but canceled that extension and reenlisted for 6 years on February 1, 2000, for a Zone B SRB under ALCOAST 184/99. The 6-year reenlistment contract he signed on November 2, 1999, shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

January 4, 2001

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