

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2000-187**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

ANDREWS, Attorney-Advisor:

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 4 years on August 8, 2000, instead of June 29, 2000. He alleged that he was erroneously counseled that he had to reenlist by the end of June to receive a selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) under ALCOAST 218/00. He later learned that the SRB did not go into effect until July 1, 2000, so he received no SRB. The contract he signed on June 29, 2000, indicates that he was promised by his command that he would receive an SRB for his reenlistment. He also submitted a letter from his commanding officer in support of his allegations.

On January 29, 2001, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief. He argued that if the applicant had been properly advised, he would likely have waited until the last day of his then current enlistment, August 8, 2000, to reenlist.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling about his eligibility for an SRB. His command erroneously advised him that he had to reenlist before July 1, 2000, to receive an SRB under ALCOAST 218/00. In fact, under ALCOAST 218/00, the SRB for his rating went into effect on July 1, 2000. If he had been properly counseled, he would likely have reenlisted on August 8, 2000, to receive the SRB. Accordingly, his request should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of XXXXXXXX, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for 4 years on August 8, 2000, instead of June 29, 2000. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due under ALCOAST 218/00 as a result of this correction.

June 14, 2001

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