

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

Application for Correction of
Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket
No. 2001-010

FINAL DECISION

The applicant, a machinery technician (MK3; pay grade E-4), asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for six years on December 8, 1999, so that he would be eligible for a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB). He further requested that the extension agreement he signed on this date be declared void. The applicant claimed, "he was not [properly] counseled . . . in October 1999." He stated that, due to inadequate counseling, he was not aware that he could have reenlisted and obtained a SRB multiple of 2 rather than extending his enlistment and subsequently receiving a multiple of one half.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief to the applicant. He stated that the applicant was incorrectly counseled on the extension agreement that no Zone A SRB was available at the time he extended his enlistment. The Chief Counsel stated that under ALDIST 184/99, a Zone A SRB with a multiple of 2 was available for the applicant's rating at the time he extended his enlistment.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board agrees with the comments and recommendation of the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard and finds that the applicant was incorrectly counseled about his SRB opportunity when he extended his enlistment on December 8, 1999. Therefore, he is entitled to relief.

ORDER

The application of XXXXXXXXXXXX, for correction of his military record is granted. His record shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for six years on December 8, 1999, and that he was eligible for a Zone A SRB with the appropriate multiple. The extension agreement the applicant signed on December 8, 1999, is void. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

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Date: August 9, 2001

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