

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2001-047**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

ANDREWS, Attorney-Advisor:

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on March 17, 1999, his 6th anniversary on active duty. He alleged that he was never counseled, as required by COMDTINST 7220.33, that he could reenlist on that day to receive a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) under ALDIST 290/98. He alleged that the error was discovered after his anniversary had passed, when he was in Zone B and received transfer orders. To accept the orders, he extended his enlistment for 6 years on April 9, 1999. The applicant submitted a signed statement from his commanding officer supporting his allegations. There is no documentation of SRB counseling in his record prior to his 6th anniversary. Under ALDIST 290/98, members in the QM rating in Zone A received SRBs with a multiple of 3; those in Zone B received SRBs with a multiple of 1.

On July 3, 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 on March 17, 1999, instead of extending his enlistment for 6 years on April 9, 1999.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB on his 6th active duty anniversary. The record indicates that the Coast Guard failed to counsel him and that he therefore received a Zone B SRB in lieu of a much larger Zone A SRB. If the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted for 6 years on March 17, 1999. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of _____, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he was reenlisted for 6 years on his 6th active duty anniversary, March 17, 1999, to receive a Zone A SRB under ALDIST 290/98. The extension contract dated April 9, 1999, shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

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Date: August 9, 2001

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