

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-050**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on October 31, 2001, instead of June 6, 2001. He alleged that he was erroneously advised that he would receive a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) if he reenlisted on June 6, 2001. The contract he signed shows that he was promised an SRB in consideration for his reenlistment. However, under ALCOAST 127/01, no SRB was authorized for his rating until October 2001. In addition, the applicant's 6th active duty anniversary fell on August 22, 2001. Under COMDTINST 7220.33 and ALCOAST 198/01, a member whose 6th anniversary fell between May 1 and September 30, 2001, was entitled to reenlist during October 2001 for a Zone A SRB.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegation that he was not properly counseled and that if he had been, he would have waited until October 2001 to reenlist.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB. Under ALCOAST 127/01 and the special provisions of ALCOAST 198/01, he was eligible to reenlist for a Zone A SRB on October 31, 2001, even though his 6th active duty anniversary (normally the end of Zone A) was August 22, 2001. He has proved that he was not properly counseled and that, if he had been, he would have reenlisted for 6 years on October 31, 2001, for the SRB. In addition, he would have cancelled a 1-year extension contract that he signed on October 20, 1999, which would have extended his enlistment from November 22, 2001, to November 21, 2002. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that on October 31, 2001, he reenlisted for 6 years to receive a 6th anniversary Zone A SRB as provided under ALCOASTs 198/01 and 127/01. The reenlistment contract he signed on June 6, 2001, and the 1-year extension contract he signed on October 20, 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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