

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

Application for Correction of
Coast Guard Record of:

XXXXXXXXXXXX
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**BCMR Docket
No. 2002-052**

FINAL DECISION

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for six years on January 29, 2002 so that he would be eligible for a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB). He further requested that the two-year extension agreement he signed on March 21, 2002 be declared void. In March 2001, the applicant was granted a humanitarian assignment. He could not reenlist until his hardship was alleviated. He requested termination of his humanitarian assignment on January 4, 2002. This request was approved on February 11, 2002. However, the SRB available for the applicant's rate was canceled on February 1, 2002.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard stated that due to the applicant's circumstances it would be an injustice not to recommend relief. The applicant was in a humanitarian assignment status and could not reenlist or extend until his hardship had been alleviated. He requested removal of the hardship early enough to allow him to take advantage of the SRB pursuant to ALCOAST 127/01, which was canceled on February 1, 2002. The Coast Guard did not approve the termination of his humanitarian assignment until February 11, 2001. In addition, the Chief Counsel stated that the applicant is willing to obligate himself for six years in exchange for the SRB.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board agrees with the comments and recommendation of the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard and finds that the applicant suffered an injustice because his request for termination of his humanitarian assignment was not approved in a more expedient manner. Without such approval, he was not able to reenlist or extend to take advantage of the SRB available under ALCOAST 127/01.

ORDER

The application of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. His record shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for six years on January 29, 2002, and that he was eligible for a Zone A SRB with the appropriate multiple. The extension agreement the applicant signed on March 21, 2002, shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

October 10, 2002

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