

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

Application for Correction of  
Coast Guard Record of:

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
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**FINAL DECISION**

BCMR Docket  
No. 2002-091

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record by showing that he reenlisted for six years on November 4, 2000, his tenth anniversary on active duty, for a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) pursuant to ALCOAST 218/00. The applicant stated that he was erroneously counseled on August 8, 2000 that he was not eligible for the SRB because he had more than the maximum ten years of active duty to be eligible for a Zone B SRB. In fact, he was within three months of his tenth anniversary at the time. He stated that on March 5, 2002, while discussing another matter with his Personnel Reporting Unit, he was informed that he probably was entitled to an SRB on his tenth active duty anniversary, which was November 4, 2000. The applicant stated that he would have reenlisted on his tenth anniversary on active duty if he had known about the SRB multiple available to him under ALCOAST 218/00.

The Chief Counsel stated that the applicant's military record supports his allegation of error. He recommended that the applicant be granted relief, if he explains to the Board's satisfaction, why he waited 17 months before filing an application with the Board. The applicant did not submit a response to the advisory opinion.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Board finds that the applicant is entitled to relief because the Coast Guard committed an error by incorrectly counseling him about the SRB opportunity available to him on his tenth active duty anniversary. The Board finds that the applicant has fully explained, in his basic application, why he did not file his application sooner. Accordingly, the applicant is entitled to relief.

**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 6 years on November 4, 2000, his tenth anniversary on active duty, for a Zone B SRB with the appropriate multiple. Any extensions and reenlistments executed after November 4, 2000 are null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him because of this correction.

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Astrid Lopez-Goldberg

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Michael K. Nolan

Date: December 12, 2002

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