

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-111**

XXXXXX, XXXXXX X.
XXX XX XXXX, XXX

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on September 20, 1999, his 6th active duty anniversary, for a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) in accordance with ALDIST 184/99. He alleged that he was never counseled about his eligibility to reenlist on his six-year anniversary and that, if he had been, he would have reenlisted for 6 years. There is no page 7 in the applicant's record documenting the necessary SRB counseling prior to his 6th anniversary, as required by regulation.

On November 1, 2002, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief if the applicant provided (1) a satisfactory explanation for his two and one-half year delay in filing his application, and (2) evidence from his former command corroborating his allegation of error. In response, the applicant submitted a statement explaining that when he inquired about his SRB eligibility under ALDIST 184/99, he was told by his yeoman at his former unit that he could not reenlist until he was within three months of the end of his enlistment. He stated that he relied on the yeoman's advice. Furthermore, he argued that although he was unable to obtain a corroborating statement from his former unit, due to personnel transfers and retirements, his record shows that he did not receive proper SRB counseling, as it contains no documentation of 6th anniversary SRB counseling.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, members are entitled to proper counseling concerning their eligibility to reenlist to receive a Zone A SRB under ALDIST 184/99 and such counseling must be documented in their records. Since there is no such documentation, the applicant has proven to the satisfaction of the Board that he was not properly counseled and that, if he had been, he would have reenlisted on September 20, 1999, his 6th active duty anniversary, to receive the SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of XXX XXXXXX X. XXXXXX, XXX XX XXXX, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on September 20, 1999, his 6th active duty anniversary, instead of June 19, 2000 to receive a Zone A SRB. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due under ALDIST 184/99 as a result of this correction.

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