

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-113**

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

ANDREWS, Deputy Chair:

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record by voiding a 6-year reenlistment contract that he signed on January 3, 2002, and reinstating a 13-month extension to his first enlistment that would have gone into effect on January 6, 2002. The extension contract was canceled when he reenlisted. He alleged that he canceled the extension and reenlisted because he was promised a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) under ALCOAST 127/01. However, he was still in pay grade E-4 in January 2002, so he was not eligible for and did not receive the SRB he was promised. His record contains an administrative entry showing that he was erroneously promised the SRB, and he submitted two statements from his command supporting his claim.

On November 29, 2002, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegations.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB. He has proved that he was not properly counseled and that, if he had been, he would not have reenlisted or canceled his extension. The extension would have ended on February 5, 2003, by which date he had been advanced to pay grade E-5 and was eligible for a Zone B SRB under ALCOAST 329/02. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of GM2 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected by voiding his reenlistment dated January 3, 2002, and reinstating his 13-month extension from January 6, 2002, through February 5, 2003. His record shall further be corrected to show that on February 6, 2003, he reenlisted for 3, 4, 5, or 6 years, at his sole discretion, to receive a Zone B SRB in accordance with ALCOAST 329/02. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

February 27, 2003

Date

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