

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

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Application for the Correction of  
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION  
BCMR Docket No. 2002-143**

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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted on his 6th active duty anniversary, April 4, 2001 to receive a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB). He alleged that he was not timely counseled about his eligibility for the SRB and that, if he had been, he would have reenlisted. His record does not contain any documentation of SRB counseling. Two letters signed by his command indicate that he was not timely counseled about his eligibility because of a miscalculation of his prior service and that, when the error was discovered, the applicant promptly stated that he wanted to reenlist for the bonus.

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 timely counseled.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to timely counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB on his 6th anniversary. Under COMDTINST 7220.33 and ALCOAST 488/00, he was eligible to reenlist for 3, 4, 5, or 6 years to receive a Zone A SRB on the anniversary. The Board finds that he was not timely counseled and that, if he had been, he would have reenlisted to receive the SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

**ORDER**

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted on his 6th active duty anniversary for 3, 4, 5, or 6 years, at his discretion, to receive a Zone A SRB. Any other reenlistment or extension contract he may have signed since his 6th anniversary shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

March 13, 2003  
Date

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