

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction of
Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket
No. 2000-023

FINAL DECISION

This is a proceeding under the provisions of section 1552 of title 10 and section 425 of title 425, United States Code. It was commenced on November 29, 1999, upon the BCMR's receipt of the applicant's complete application for correction of his military record.

This final decision, dated September 7, 2000, is signed by the three duly appointed members who were designated to serve as the Board in this case.

The applicant, a quartermaster first class (QM1; pay grade E-6), asked the Board to void an eight-month extension that he signed in May 1998 and replace it with a three-year reenlistment dated October 17, 1999, so that he would be eligible to receive a "full" Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB).

EXCERPTS FROM THE RECORD AND SUBMISSIONS

The applicant stated that pursuant to COMDTINST 7220.33, he was entitled to cancel his eight-month extension prior to its operative date of October 17, 1999, and to reenlist for a longer period without loss of SRB entitlements. The applicant executed the eight-month extension to accept permanent change of station orders.

The applicant stated that the option of canceling the extension agreement and reenlisting for a longer period was not brought to his attention by his command. He stated that he would have chosen to cancel the extension and to reenlistment, if he had known that he could do so.

The applicant enlisted in the regular Coast Guard on October 16, 1995, for a period of four years. In May 1998, he executed an extension for eight months. The applicant's enlistment was due to expire on June 16, 2000. On February 10, 2000, the applicant reenlisted for three years.

Views of the Coast Guard

On June 29, 2000, the Chief Counsel recommended that the Board grant relief to the applicant. The Chief Counsel stated that the applicant was correct that he should

ORDER

The application of _____ USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. His record shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for three years on October 16, 1999. He shall receive a Zone A SRB with the appropriate multiple. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

The eight-month extension signed by the applicant in May 1998 is null and void, as is the three year reenlistment, dated February 10, 2000.

