DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2000-110

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

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The applicant asked the Board to correct his record so that he would be paid the SRB he was promised for reenlisting for 3 years on May 19, 1999. His reenlistment contract indicates that he was advised he would receive a Zone B SRB. However, at pay grade E-4, he was not in fact eligible for a Zone B SRB under COMDTINST 7220.33. ALDIST 290/98 authorized a Zone B SRB with a multiple of 1/2 for members in the RD rating who reenlisted between November 25, 1998, and June 14, 1999. It also authorized a Zone A SRB calculated with a multiple of 2.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board correct the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on his 6th active duty anniversary, February 23, 1999, when he was qualified for a Zone A SRB. The Chief Counsel erroneously stated that there was no documentation of 6th anniversary SRB counseling in the applicant's record. In fact, he was counseled about ALDIST 290/98 on December 15, 1998. The applicant agreed with the Chief Counsel but asked to be reenlisted for 3 years only.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his SRB eligibility. Because his command erred when it told him that he was eligible for a Zone B SRB in May 1999, the Board finds it likely that the applicant was also misadvised in December 1998. If the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted on his 6th anniversary for 3 years to receive the Zone A SRB since he would not be eligible for a Zone B SRB until he was advanced to RD2/E-5. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The record of XXXXXXXXX, USCG, shall be corrected by changing the date of his 3-year reenlistment contract from May 19, 1999, to February 23, 1999. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant any Zone A SRB he may be due as a result of this correction.

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Date