

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction of
Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket
No. 2001-007

FINAL DECISION

The applicant, a telecommunications specialist second class (TC2; pay grade E-5), asked the Board to correct his record to show that while in pay grade E-4 he reenlisted for six years on January 28, 2000, to be eligible for a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB). The applicant requested that the Board cancel the six-year reenlistment contract he signed on February 1, 2000 (the same date he was advanced to TC2) in which he received a Zone B SRB with a multiple of one-half. The corrective action will allow the applicant to receive a Zone A SRB with a multiple of 3. The applicant claimed that he was incorrectly counseled that he was ineligible for a Zone A SRB because he had two years of prior active duty. The applicant's CO stated that the applicant misunderstood the SRB counseling. The CO believes that the applicant would have reenlisted prior to January 30, 2000 (his sixth anniversary on active duty) if he had understood that he would not be eligible for a Zone A SRB after that date. The CO stated that the applicant has demonstrated his commitment to the Coast Guard by his excellent performance and his six-year reenlistment on February 1, 2000.

The Chief Counsel stated that the applicant has suffered an injustice. He stated that the applicant intended to reenlist for the maximum SRB for which he was eligible. However, the applicant failed to do so because he did not understand that to be eligible for the Zone A SRB he had to reenlist by his sixth anniversary on active duty.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board finds the applicant has suffered an injustice because the SRB eligibility requirements were not clearly explained to him. If the applicant had understood the SRB eligibility requirements, he would have reenlisted for a Zone A SRB under ALCOAST 184/99 within three months of his sixth anniversary on active duty.

ORDER

The military record of _____, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for six years on January 28, 2000, for a Zone A SRB with the appropriate multiple. The February 1, 2000 reenlistment contract is void. The applicant shall be paid accordingly.

Date: August 9, 2001

