

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction of
Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket
No. 2001-031

FINAL DECISION

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The applicant, a food service specialist first class (FS1; pay grade E-6), asked the Board to correct his record to show that he was eligible for a Zone B SRB (selective reenlistment bonus) on his tenth active duty anniversary, which was April 4, 1999. The applicant stated that the Coast Guard failed to counsel him about the opportunity to reenlist on his tenth year anniversary to obtain an SRB.

The Chief Counsel stated that the record supports the applicant's allegation of error. He recommended that the Board grant relief, if the applicant could explain to the Board's satisfaction why he waited almost two years before filing an application for correction of his military record. The Chief Counsel also questioned why the applicant chose to voluntarily extend his enlistment for two years after his tenth active duty anniversary date.

The applicant responded to the Chief Counsel by stating that he was unaware that he could have reenlisted on his tenth anniversary on active duty to obtain an SRB. He stated that he extended for two years on May 31, 2000, because he needed to have additional obligated service to receive dental coverage for his dependent. He stated that he could not reenlist on May 31, 2000, because he was not within 90 days of the expiration of his enlistment.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board finds that the Coast Guard committed an error by not counseling the applicant about the opportunity for an SRB on his tenth anniversary on active duty, which occurred on April 14, 1999. In addition, the Board is satisfied with applicant's explanation for not filing his application sooner. Accordingly, the applicant should be granted relief.

ORDER

The application of [REDACTED], USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. His record shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for six years on April 4, 1999, his tenth anniversary on active duty, to obtain a Zone B SRB with the appropriate multiple. The May 31, 2000 two-year extension agreement is null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him because of this correction.

Date: September 27, 2001

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