

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2001-106

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for six years prior to May 1, 2001, so that he would be eligible to receive an SRB (selective reenlistment bonus) with a multiple of 5 pursuant to ALCOAST 488/00. The applicant was counseled in February 2001, prior to his sixth anniversary date (May 19, 2001) that he was eligible for a Zone A SRB with a multiple of 5. Although his May 19, 2001 reenlistment contract contains a promise of an SRB with a multiple of 5, he received only a multiple of 3. The problem arose on March 27, 2001, when the Commandant issued ALCOAST 127/01 reducing the multiple for the applicant's rating to 3, effective May 1, 2001. The applicant claimed that because he was not counseled on ALCOAST 127/01, he was not aware that he needed to reenlist prior to May 1, 2001 to receive the multiple of 5. (An individual receives the multiple in effect at the time he reenlists or extends his enlistment.)

On November 16, 2001, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request. He stated that under the circumstances, the applicant has suffered an injustice. "Applicant clearly desired to reenlist and probably would have done so prior to May 1, 2001, if he had been informed that the SRB multiple for his rating would be reduced on May 1, 2001."

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling about ALCOAST 127/01 at the time it was issued. The failure to counsel the applicant about this ALCOAST, left him uninformed that the SRB multiple would change from 5 to 3, effective May 1, 2001. If the applicant had been properly counseled about ALCOAST 127/01, he could have reenlisted between March 27, 2001 and April 30, 2001 and obtained a Zone A SRB with a multiple of 5, under ALCOAST 488/00. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted on April 27, 2001, and received a Zone A SRB with a multiple of 5, pursuant to ALCOAST 488/00. The reenlistment contract dated May 19, 2001 is void. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

May 16, 2002
Date



