


**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

Application for Correction of
Coast Guard Record of:

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BCMR Docket
No. 2002-064

FINAL DECISION


The applicant extended his enlistment for three years on August 2, 2001 to meet the obligated service requirement in exchange for attending a training school. This extension became operative on December 17, 2001. The applicant stated that upon graduating from school and being advanced to pay grade E-4 on December 7, 2001, he attempted to cancel the three-year extension and reenlist for a longer period as permitted under the selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) regulation. However, his Personnel Reporting Unit advised him that he was not eligible to reenlist. He asked the Board to correct his record by canceling his August 2, 2001 three-year extension agreement and by replacing it with a six year reenlistment dated September 8, 2001. This correction would entitle the applicant to a Zone A SRB with a multiple of .5 under ALCOAST 127/01.

The Chief Counsel recommended relief. He stated that the Coast Guard Personnel Manual authorizes members who execute extension contracts to meet obligated service requirements and who desire to reenlist for a longer period to cancel those extensions prior to their operate dates and to reenlist for the longer period. He stated that the applicant could have exercised his right to cancel the extension and reenlist for a longer period of time, but for the improper advice he received from his unit.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board agrees with the comments and recommendation of the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard and finds that his Personnel Reporting Unit incorrectly advised the applicant that he could not cancel his extension and reenlist for a longer period of time, when both the Personnel Manual and the SRB regulation permit him to do so. Accordingly, the applicant is entitled to relief.

ORDER

The application of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. His record shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for six years on December 8, 2001, to obtain a Zone A SRB under ALCOAST 127/01 with the appropriate multiple. His three year August 2, 2001 enlistment extension is canceled. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

November 26, 2002
Date

