

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-065**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on or before his 6th active duty anniversary, November 18, 2001, to receive a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) in accordance with ALCOAST 127/01. He alleged that he was never counseled about his eligibility for the SRB and that, if he had been, he would have reenlisted for 6 years. His record does not contain documentation of SRB counseling prior to his 6th anniversary. Letters signed by his commanding officer and a yeoman at his unit state that he was not timely counseled about his eligibility and that, when the error was discovered three months later, he promptly stated that he wanted to reenlist for the bonus.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegation that he was not timely counseled.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to timely counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB on his 6th anniversary. Under COMDTINST 7220.33 and ALCOAST 127/01, he was eligible to reenlist for a Zone A SRB on the anniversary. The Board finds that he was not timely counseled and that, if he had been, he would have reenlisted for 6 years to receive the SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on his 6th active duty anniversary to receive a Zone A SRB as provided under ALCOAST 127/01. Any reenlistment or extension contract he may have signed since his 6th anniversary shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

October 10, 2002
Date



