

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-080**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct a 2-year extension contract in his record to show that he signed it so that he could accept transfer orders to a new unit. Currently, the February 1, 2000, contract indicates that it was signed at the "request of individual." He submitted a copy of his transfer orders, which show that he was to report to a new unit by February 15, 2000. He also submitted a copy of an email message from his former supervisor, who stated that the 2-year contract was signed because of the transfer orders. The applicant alleged that the erroneous notation unjustly reduced the selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) he received when he reenlisted for 6 years on February 22, 2002, before the extension was due to go into effect on February 26, 2002.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief since the applicant has presented sufficient evidence to show that his extension was due to his transfer.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, 2-year extension contracts signed to accept transfer orders may be canceled before they go into effect if a longer contract is signed, without diminishing any SRB the member may receive for the longer contract. However, extension contracts signed at the "request of individual" count as previously obligated service and reduce the size of a subsequent SRB. The Board finds that the applicant has proved that his extension contract was signed so that he could accept transfer orders. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that the reason for his 2-year extension on February 1, 2000, was "obligated service for transfer," rather than "request of individual," and that the extension was canceled when he reenlisted for 6 years on February 22, 2002, so that it shall not count as previously obligated service. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

October 31, 2002
Date



