DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction of Coast Guard Record of:

FINAL DECISION

BCMR Docket No. 2002-082

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record by showing that he reenlisted on October 15, 2000, his tenth anniversary on active duty, for a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) pursuant to ALCOAST 218/00. The applicant stated that he was not counseled about this SRB opportunity. The applicant stated that he would have reenlisted on his tenth anniversary on active duty if he had known about the SRB multiple available to him under ALCOAST 218/00.

The Chief Counsel stated that there are no SRB counseling entries in the applicant's military record as required by the SRB regulation. He recommended that the applicant be granted relief, if he explains to the Board's satisfaction, why he waited 18 months before filing an application with the Board. The applicant stated that because he was not counseled he was not aware until recently that he had the right to reenlist on his tenth anniversary for an SRB.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board finds that the applicant is entitled to relief because the Coast Guard committed an error by not counseling the applicant about this SRB opportunity as required by regulation. The Board is persuaded that the applicant, a career service member, would have reenlisted if he had been informed about this SRB opportunity. Nothing in the record suggests that the applicant would have done otherwise. Accordingly, the applicant is entitled to relief.

ORDER

The application of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. His record shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for 4, 5, or 6 years on October 15, 2000, his tenth anniversary on active duty, for a Zone B SRB with the appropriate multiple. The reenlistment contract executed on July 15, 2002 is void. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him because of this correction.



Date: December 12, 2002