## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction of Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket No. 2002-097

## FINAL DECISION

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record by canceling the six year reenlistment contract he signed on March 22, 2002 for which he was promised a Zone B SRB. The applicant stated that he reenlisted because his command told him he was required to do so to have the necessary obligated service to qualify for permanent change of station (PCS) orders. The Coast Guard refused to pay the SRB because the applicant had enough remaining service on his original enlistment to qualify for new PCS Orders, without reenlisting or extending.

The Chief Counsel stated that the applicant's command incorrectly advised him that he would receive an SRB if he reenlisted on March 22, 2002. He recommended that the Board void the applicant's March 22, 2002 reenlistment contract and reinstate his extension of enlistment due to expire on May 26, 2003.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board finds that the Coast Guard incorrectly advised the applicant about his eligibility for an SRB and about the necessity for him to reenlist in order to have enough obligated service to accept PCS orders. However at this point, it is not necessary to void the March 22, 2002, reenlistment contract. The applicant is currently within three months of the expiration of his May 26, 2003 enlistment extension and he is therefore eligible to reenlist. Accordingly, the March 22, 2002, contract should be corrected to show that the applicant reenlisted for 5 or 6 years on March 22, 2003, for which he is eligible to receive a Zone B SRB under ALCOAST 329/02.

## **ORDER**

The application of xxxxxxxxxx, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. At his option, the applicant's reenlistment contract dated March 22, 2002 shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted on March 22, 2003 for 5 or 6 years. His record shall be further corrected to show that he is eligible to receive a Zone B SRB under ALCOAST 329/02. The applicant's extension of enlistment due to expire on May 26, 2003 is reinstated to cover the period from March 22, 2002 until the applicant's reenlistment pursuant to this Order. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount that he is due as a result of this correction.

<u>March 13, 2003</u> Date

