

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

Application for Correction of
Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket
No. 2002-130

FINAL DECISION

The applicant alleged that he was not properly counseled about the selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) available for the TC rating under ALCOAST 127/01 when he extended his enlistment for two years on July 6, 2001 to accept permanent change of station (PCS) orders. The applicant extended his enlistment in middle of his original four-year enlistment that was set to expire on August 20, 2003, having previously extended his enlistment for two months. The applicant was not eligible for an SRB until July 13, 2001, the date he was promoted to TC3. He was informed on the extension agreement that there was no SRB available for him when he extended his enlistment.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard admitted that the applicant might not have been properly counseled and recommended that the Board grant relief on condition that the applicant obtain a statement from his command attesting to this fact. He noted the applicant must extend for a minimum period of 36 months to be eligible for an SRB.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board finds that the applicant was not fully counseled about the opportunity of an SRB multiple when he extended his enlistment on July 6, 2001. In reaching this conclusion, the Board notes that the extension agreement contains a provision advising the applicant that the SRB multiple available for him was "NA" (not applicable), when in fact a multiple of 2 was authorized for the TC rating under ALCOAST 127/01. The Board is satisfied that if the applicant had been fully counseled about this opportunity, he would have extended his enlistment on July 14, 2001, rather than July 6, 2001, for at least 3 years to have the rate and time necessary to be eligible for the SRB.

ORDER

The military record of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX USCG, shall be corrected to show that he signed his extension contract on July 14, 2001, instead of July 6, 2001. The term of this contract shall be 3, 4, 5, or 6 years, at his discretion. The two-month extension contract that he signed on March 15, 2001, shall be canceled in accordance with Art. 3.d.(6) of Encl. (1) to COMDTINST 7220.33. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due under ALCOAST 127/01 as a result of this correction.

Date



