


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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-137**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

 **Deputy Chair:**

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he extended his enlistment contract for 36 months on November 30, 2000, instead of just 32 months. He alleged that he was advised that he would receive a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) for signing the contract but did not receive one because only contracts of at least 36 months' duration qualify a member for an SRB. His extension contract and another administrative entry in his record indicate that he was fully counseled about SRB regulations. However, his extension contract also states that he is eligible for an SRB under ALCOAST 218/00 and that his "SRB will be based on 32 months [of] newly obligated service."

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegation of erroneous counseling.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling about his eligibility for an SRB, and only an extension or reenlistment contract of at least 36 months' duration would qualify him for one. The record supports his allegation that he was erroneously advised that he would receive an SRB for his 32-month extension. The Board finds that, if he had been properly counseled, the applicant would have extended his enlistment for 36 months. Accordingly, his request should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he extended his enlistment for 36 months on November 30, 2000, instead of 32 months. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due under ALCOAST 218/00 as a result of this correction.

February 27, 2003

Date

