

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-149**



SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 3 years on his 6th active duty anniversary, October 19, 2001, rather than having extended his enlistment on April 20, 2000 for 3 years to receive a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB). This correction would entitle him to a Zone A SRB with a multiple of 3 pursuant to ALCOAST 127/01. He alleged that he was improperly counseled about extending his enlistment to meet obligated service requirements to accept transfer orders and erroneously promised a Zone A SRB pursuant to ALCOAST 184/99. His record indicates that in promising the Zone A SRB on April 20, 2000, his command failed to include his prior service in the Army National Guard. He was not eligible to receive the promised SRB because on the date his extension became operative (May 28, 2002), he had more than 6 years of active duty service. The applicant alleged that had he been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted rather than extended.

On November 29, 2002, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board correct the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted for 3 years on his 6-year anniversary. He stated that the applicant's request should be granted because the record supports his allegations.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB. The Board finds that the applicant was not properly counseled, and that if he had been, he would have extended his enlistment on April 20, 2000, for 2 years instead of 3, and then cancelled that extension contract and reenlisted for at least 3 years on October 19, 2001 for the Zone A SRB pursuant to ALCOAST 127/01. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of _____, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for at least 3 years on October 19, 2001, his 6th active duty anniversary, to receive a Zone A SRB under ALCOAST 127/01. At his discretion, this contract may be for 4, 5, or 6 years, instead of 3. The 3-year extension agreement he signed on April 20, 2000 shall be corrected to show a 2-year extension that was canceled upon his reenlistment. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

May 30, 2003
Date



