DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction of Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket **No. 2002-159**

FINAL DECISION

The applicant asked that his record be corrected to show that on December 18, 2001, he reenlisted for six years to accept In Place Consecutive Overseas Orders (IPCT) rather than having extended for two years based on orders granting him a tour extension. The IPCT orders would have required him to obligate service, for which he could have extended or reenlisted for three years or more to qualify for an SRB. The tour extension did not require obligated service and permitted only a two-year extension. The applicant alleged that the Coast Guard committed an error by issuing orders for a two-year extension rather than IPCT orders. When the Coast Guard finally issued the IPCT orders on February 4, 2002, ALCOAST 127/01 had expired. A six-year extension, executed prior to January 31, 2002, would have entitled the applicant to a Zone B SRB under ALCOAST 127/01.

The Chief Counsel agreed that the Coast Guard committed an administrative error and recommended relief. Although the applicant asked to reenlist for six years, the Coast Guard recommended that he extend his enlistment for six years prior to January 31, 2002, with an operative date of March 29, 2003., to allow for the maximum SRB payment. The applicant agreed with this recommendation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Chief Counsel admitted and the Board finds that the Coast Guard committed an administrative error when it issued extension of tour orders rather than IPCT orders on December 18, 2001. If IPCT orders had been issued at that time, the applicant would have extended his enlistment for six years and would have been eligible for a Zone B SRB under ALCOAST 127/01.

ORDER

May 30, 2003
Date

