

**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. 2003-028**

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record by canceling the six-year reenlistment contract he signed on September 13, 2002, in order to receive a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) pursuant to ALCOAST 329/02. He alleged that his command erroneously counseled him that he could receive a Zone B SRB by reenlisting for six years, even though he had previously received one. In support of his allegations, he submitted a copy of his contract, which states that he was "auth[orized] a Zone B SRB with a multiple of xx." The applicant requested that his prior expiration of enlistment date of March 1, 2005 be reinstated because he was not eligible to receive the promised SRB.

On May 30, 2003, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request. He stated that because the applicant previously received a Zone B SRB, the Board should void the applicant's September 13, 2002 reenlistment contract.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, members are entitled to accurate counseling about their SRB eligibility whenever they reenlist. The Chief Counsel admitted and the Board finds that the Coast Guard erred by advising the applicant to reenlist for a Zone B SRB, when he had previously received one. See Article 3.a.(6). of COMDTINST 7220.33. The Board also finds that, if he had been properly counseled, he would not have reenlisted on September 13, 2002. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The application of [REDACTED], USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. His record shall be corrected to show that his reenlistment contract due to expire on March 1, 2005 is reinstated. The six-year reenlistment contract that the applicant signed on September 13, 2002 shall be null and void.

August 28, 2003

Date

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