

**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. 2003-034**

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for six years on February 26, 2002, his sixth active duty anniversary, to receive a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB). In support of his request, the applicant submitted a signed statement from his chief yeoman stating that he was never counseled about his eligibility to reenlist on his six-year anniversary. The applicant alleged that had he been counseled, he would have reenlisted for six years on his sixth anniversary.

On May 30, 2003, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard stated that, if the applicant met the criteria for a Zone B SRB on the date of his sixth anniversary, the Board should grant the requested relief. He admitted that the applicant's record contains no page 7 documenting the necessary counseling, as required by regulation. He recommended that the applicant's record be corrected to show that he reenlisted on February 26, 2002, for the purpose of receiving a Zone B SRB pursuant to ALCOAST 585/01.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility to reenlist on his sixth active duty anniversary for an SRB. The record indicates that the applicant met the criteria for a Zone B SRB on his sixth anniversary in that he was serving in pay grade E-5 and had not previously received a Zone B SRB. The Board finds the applicant's case to be similar to that of BCMR Docket No. 2002-152, wherein the Chief Counsel recommended identical relief for similar facts. The Board further finds that if the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted on February 26, 2002 for six years to receive a Zone B SRB pursuant to ALCOAST 585/01. 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 he reenlisted for six years on February 26, 2002 to receive a Zone B SRB calculated with a multiple of xx under ALCOAST 585/01. His March 23, 2001 extension contract for 2 years and 5 months shall be cancelled. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

August 28, 2003

Date

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