

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

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Application for the Correction of  
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION  
BCMR Docket No. 2003-055**

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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) on January 4, 2003, his tenth active duty anniversary. He alleged that in November 2002, after discovering that he was eligible for a Zone B SRB, he asked his unit yeoman about reenlisting on his tenth anniversary. He alleged that in December 2002, he again inquired about the status of his reenlistment and was told that his paperwork would be processed. Despite the applicant's attempts to reenlist on his tenth anniversary, the applicant alleged that his reenlistment contract was not processed until February 3, 2003, when he was no longer eligible for a Zone B SRB. In support of his allegations, the applicant submitted a statement from his unit yeoman who acknowledged that the applicant's paperwork was untimely processed and that the applicant received no SRB counseling. He also submitted a statement from his executive officer (XO), who strongly recommended that the applicant be granted relief.

On July 29, 2003, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard stated that the applicant's request should be granted because the record supports his allegations. He recommended that the Board grant relief by correcting the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted on January 4, 2003, for purposes of receiving a Zone B SRB pursuant to ALCOAST 329/02.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Under Article 3.C.3. of the Personnel Manual, the applicant was entitled to SRB counseling prior to his tenth anniversary on active duty. Under ALCOAST 329/02, the applicant was eligible to reenlist for 3, 4, 5, or 6 years to receive a Zone B SRB with a multiple of xx on January 4, 2003, his ten-year anniversary. The Chief Counsel admitted and the Board finds that the Coast Guard committed an error in failing to properly counsel the applicant and in delaying the processing of his reenlistment paperwork. The applicant has proved that but for these errors, he would have reenlisted to receive the SRB. 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 on January 4, 2003, his tenth active duty anniversary, for 3, 4, 5, or 6 years, at his discretion, to receive a Zone B SRB pursuant to ALCOAST 329/02. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

October 22, 2003

Date

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