

**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. 2003-080**



SUMMARY OF THE RECORD


The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for six years on February 23, 2003, his tenth active duty anniversary, to obtain a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB). He alleged that he was erroneously counseled that he would receive the maximum SRB based on 72 months of newly obligated service if he waited until March 5, 2003 to reenlist. Although his March 5, 2003 reenlistment contract contains a promise of a Zone B SRB, the applicant did not receive one because the contract was executed after his ten-year anniversary date passed. Under Article 3.C.5. of the Personnel Manual, a member may reenlist within the three months before his tenth active duty anniversary for the purpose of qualifying for a Zone B SRB. He alleged that had he been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted on or before his tenth anniversary on active duty.

On August 31, 2003, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard stated that the record clearly shows that the applicant was miscounseled because his unit failed to consider the applicant's prior active service. He recommended that the Board correct the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted for six years on February 23, 2003, thereby qualifying him for 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 proper SRB counseling concerning his eligibility to reenlist for an SRB under ALCOAST 329/02 on his tenth active duty anniversary. The Board finds that had the applicant been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted on his tenth anniversary for six years to receive a Zone B SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of  USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for six years on February 23, 2003, his tenth active duty anniversary, rather than on March 5, 2003, to receive a Zone B SRB with a multiple of two under ALCOAST 329/02. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

October 22, 2003

Date

