

**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. 2003-129**

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record by voiding a 6-year reenlistment contract that he signed on February 24, 2003. He alleged that he was told that he had to reenlist to obligate sufficient service to accept transfer orders and that if he reenlisted, he would receive a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) in accordance with ALCOAST 329/02. The applicant's reenlistment contract dated February 24, 2003, and another administrative entry in his record show that he was told that he would be entitled to a Zone A SRB if he reenlisted. He alleged that he reenlisted but did not receive the SRB because he had not passed the Navigation Rules exam. He alleged that he later learned that he had only needed to extend his enlistment for 2 years to meet his obligated service requirement.

The Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegation that he was erroneously counseled that he would receive the SRB if he reenlisted. He further stated that in February 2003, the applicant was required only to extend his enlistment for 2 years to obligate sufficient service to accept his transfer orders.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Article 3.C. of the Personnel Manual, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB. Under ALCOAST 329/02, BM3s, such as the applicant, had to have passed a Navigation Rules exam to qualify for the SRB. The applicant has proved that he was erroneously counseled that he was eligible for an SRB on February 24, 2003, and that if he had been properly counseled, he would have extended his enlistment for 2 years instead of reenlisting for 6. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he extended his enlistment contract for 2 years on February 24, 2003. The 6-year reenlistment contract dated February 24, 2003, shall be removed from his record as null and void.

April 29, 2004 _____
Date



