

**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. 2008-004**

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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

The applicant asked that his record be corrected so that he is entitled to the 42 months of a selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) payment that was deducted as previously obligated service from the Zone B SRB that he received as a result of his May 15, 2007 reenlistment. He alleged that on November 1, 2006, based upon erroneous counseling from his unit's yeoman, he extended his enlistment for 42 months to accept transfer orders to a new assignment. He further alleged that he was erroneously counseled that he could cancel the extension upon his arrival at his new duty station, without any deduction for previously obligated service. In fact, he was only required to have one year of service remaining to accept orders to a new duty station and he could not cancel the extension without a penalty, because it was more than 2 years in length. The applicant submitted a statement from the yeoman admitting that she provided the applicant with erroneous counseling. The applicant lost over \$26,000 of his Zone B SRB as a result of the deduction for previously obligated service.

The Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the Coast Guard failed to counsel the applicant correctly about the amount of service required to accept transfer orders and about his SRB entitlement. The JAG recommended that the November 1, 2006 extension contract be corrected to show that the applicant extended his enlistment for 4 months and not 42 months, with his then-enlistment expiring on December 8, 2007. The applicant's record should be further corrected to show that on December 7, 2007, he reenlisted for six years and received a Zone B SRB with a multiple of 4 under ALCOAST 304/07.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The JAG admitted, and the Board finds, that the Coast Guard committed an error by erroneously counseling the applicant that he needed to extend his enlistment for 42 months to accept transfer orders and that he could cancel the 42-extension at his new duty station without having previously obligated service deducted from his SRB, which resulted in a monetary loss for the applicant. See Articles 3.C.3 and 3.C.5. & 6. of the Personnel Manual. Accordingly, the applicant is entitled to relief.

**ORDER**

The application of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. His November 1, 2006, extension contract shall be corrected to show that he extended his enlistment for 4 months, instead of 42 months, with an enlistment expiration date of December 8, 2007. His record shall be further corrected to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on December 7, 2007, instead of May 15, 2007, for a Zone B SRB with a multiple of 4 under ALCOAST 304/07, without any deduction for previously obligated service. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due as a result of these corrections.

June 24, 2008  
Date

