

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2000-080**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

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The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years, instead of extending his enlistment for 2 years and 9 months, on September 29, 1999. He alleged that he was wrongly counseled that, at the end of his enlistment in December 1999, he could cancel the extension and reenlist for 6 years to receive an SRB undiminished by previously obligated service. He later discovered that even if he canceled the extension, his SRB would be reduced by service he had obligated under the extension. He alleged that if he had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted for 6 years on September 29, 1999, to receive the SRB because at that time he only had three months of previously obligated service. At the time, ALDIST 184/99 authorized a Zone A SRB with a multiple of two for members in the EM rating. The applicant submitted two statements from his unit's yeomen supporting his allegations.

On August 25, 2000, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board correct the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years instead of extending.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB when he was deciding whether to reenlist or extend in September 1999. The Coast Guard erred when it advised him that an extension of 2 years and 9 months could be canceled and not diminish his SRB. If the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted to receive the SRB rather than extending. Accordingly, relief should be granted by correcting his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on September 29, 1999.

ORDER

The application of XXXXXXXXXXXX, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. It shall be corrected to show that he was discharged and reenlisted on September 29, 1999, for 6 years to receive a Zone A SRB under ALDIST 184/99. His 2 year and 9 month extension contract shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

Date

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