DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction of Coast Guard Record of: **xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx** xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	BCMR Docket **No. 2001-090**

FINAL DECISION

ULMER, Chair:

The applicant, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for six years on March 2, 2001, rather than March 1, 2001. He stated this correction would allow him to receive a Zone B (selective reenlistment bonus) SRB as an E-6 rather than an E-5, even though he was advised recently that he was not eligible for the SRB because he had more than 10 years of active duty on March 1, 2001. (Under the SRB regulation, a member can have nor more than 10 years of service to be eligible for a Zone B SRB.) The applicant disagreed that he had more 10 years of active duty on that date. Prior to enlisting in the Coast Guard on May 7, 1991, the applicant spent 4 months and 9 days on active duty in a Naval Reserve program.

The Chief Counsel stated that the applicant was improperly promised a Zone B SRB on March 1, 2001 because he had more than 10 years of service on the date. He recommended that the Board grant alternative relief by correcting the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted for six years on December 27, 2000, (his tenth anniversary on active duty) and was eligible for a Zone B SRB with a multiple of 1 pursuant to ALDIST 218/00. The applicant did not reply to the advisory opinion.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board agrees with the comments and recommendation of the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard and finds that the applicant was erroneously promised a Zone B for his March 1, 2001 reenlistment. The Coast Guard also failed to counsel the applicant with respect to his right to reenlist on his 10 active duty anniversary for the purpose of obtaining an SRB. The relief recommended by the by the Chief Counsel should be granted.

ORDER

The application of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. His record shall be corrected, with his consent, to show that he reenlisted for six years on December 27, 2000, to obtain a Zone B SRB with the appropriate multiple. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

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Date: April 11, 2002

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