DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for the Correction of the Coast Guard Record of:

Final Decision BCMR No. 2001-109

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

ULMER, Chair:

The applicant, a machinery technician first class (MK1; pay grade E-6), asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for six years on June 11, 2001, his tenth year anniversary on active duty, to obtain a Zone B SRB (selective reenlistment bonus). The applicant stated that his yeoman incorrectly counseled him that he could reenlist either three months before or three months after his tenth year anniversary date to obtain the SRB. Several days after his tenth anniversary date, the applicant inquired about reenlisting but was told he could not reenlist because his anniversary date had passed. (According to regulation, the reenlistment must occur on or within three months of the tenth anniversary date.)

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard stated that the applicant was eligible for the SRB. He admitted that there is no page 7 in the applicant's record documenting the necessary SRB counseling, as required by regulation. He recommended that the Board grant relief, if the applicant provides satisfactory evidence corroborating his allegation of error. The yeoman who provided the incorrect advice wrote a statement corroborating the applicant's allegation of error.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board finds that the applicant has submitted persuasive evidence that the Coast Guard committed an error by erroneously advising the applicant that he could reenlist within three months after his tenth anniversary on active duty to obtain an SRB. The Coast Guard also failed to document its counseling on a page 7 as required by regulation. Accordingly, the applicant should be granted relief.

ORDER

May 16, 2002	
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