

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2001-130**

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Ulmer, Chair:

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant extended his enlistment on May 8, 2001 for 21 months to have enough service to accept permanent change of station (PCS) orders. He asked the Board to correct his record to show that he extended this enlistment for a minimum of three years prior to April 30, 2001 rather than having done so on May 8, 2001. This correction will allow the applicant to be eligible for a Zone A SRB under ALCOAST 127/01. The applicant claimed that he was not counseled in a timely manner about this SRB opportunity. The multiple for his rate was canceled effective May 1, 2001, which was published in ALCOAST 127/01 on March 27, 2001.

On February 11, 2002, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request. He stated that the applicant had not established that the Coast Guard committed error. He did find, however, the applicant had suffered an injustice under the circumstances of this case. He stated there is no doubt that the applicant could and would have extended his enlistment for a minimum of three years prior to April 30, 2001, if he had been informed about ALCOAST 127/01. The applicant agreed with the Chief Counsel's recommendation.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling about ALCOAST 127/01 at the time it was issued. The failure to counsel the applicant about this ALCOAST, prior to May 8, 2001, left him uninformed that the SRB multiple would change from .5 to 0, effective May 1, 2001. If the applicant had known about ALCOAST 127/01 earlier, he could and would have taken advantage of the SRB available for his rate. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted on April 27, 2001, for at least three years, for a Zone A SRB with a multiple of .5, pursuant to ALCOAST 127/01. The applicant is authorized to enlist for a longer period, if he so desires. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount he is due as a result of this correction.

July 3, 2002

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