

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-017**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on his sixth active duty anniversary, February 13, 1999. He alleged that he was never counseled about his eligibility to reenlist on that date for a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) and that, if he had been counseled, he would have reenlisted for 6 years. ALDIST 290/98 authorized a Zone A SRB with a multiple of 2 for members in the MK rating who reenlisted between November 25, 1998, and June 14, 1999. There is no documentation in the applicant's record of SRB counseling prior to his sixth anniversary, as required under COMDTINST 7220.33.

On May 22, 2002, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request since his record supports his allegations.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB on his sixth active duty anniversary. The Coast Guard erred when it failed to advise him that he was eligible for a Zone A SRB. If the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted to receive the SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted by correcting the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on February 13, 1999.

ORDER

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on his sixth active duty anniversary, February 13, 1999, to receive a Zone A SRB under ALDIST 290/98. Any reenlistment or extension contracts he has signed since that date shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay him any amount due as a result of this correction.

July 22, 2002

Date

Julia Andrews

Michael K. Nolan

Dorothy J. Ulmer