DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for the Correction of the Coast Guard Record of:

FINAL DECISION BCMR Docket No. 2002-021

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for six years on November 17, 2000, instead of extending his enlistment on that day for six years to receive a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) pursuant to ALCOAST 218/00. He alleged that he was improperly counseled that he would receive the maximum Zone A SRB, if he extended his enlistment for six years on or before November 19, 2000, his sixth anniversary on active duty. Although his November 17, 2000 extension contract contains a promise of an SRB with a multiple of 2.5 pursuant to ALCOAST 218/00, the applicant did not receive one because his extension began to run from February 18, 2001, the expiration of his enlistment. He alleged that had he been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted instead of extending.

On May 22, 2002, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board correct the applicant's record to show that he reenlisted for six years on November 17, 2000, instead of extending his enlistment. He stated that "the [applicant's] record clearly demonstrates that [he] desired to commit himself to an additional six (06) years of service in exchange for an SRB."

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper SRB counseling concerning his eligibility to reenlist for six years on his sixth active duty anniversary to receive an SRB under ALCOAST 218/00. If the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted for six years to receive a Zone A SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted by correcting his record to show that he reenlisted for six years on November 17, 2000.

ORDER

The military record of XXX XXXXXX X. XXXXXX, XXX XXX XXXXX, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for six years on November 17, 2000 to receive a Zone A SRB under ALCOAST 218/00. The six-year extension contract that he signed on November 17, 2000 shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due under ALCOAST 218/00 as a result of this correction.

September 12, 2002		
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