DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for the Correction of the Coast Guard Record of:

Final Decision BCMR No. 2002-025

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked that his record be corrected to show that he reenlisted for six years on October 1, 2001, rather than having done so on September 16, 2001. This correction would entitle the applicant to receive the SRB (selective reenlistment bonus) that was promised to him when he reenlisted on September 16, 2001. The applicant was ineligible to receive the SRB payment based on his September 16, 2001 reenlistment because the multiple for his rating did not become effective until October 1, 2001.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief because unit personnel incorrectly advised the applicant that he would receive an SRB if he reenlisted on September 16, 2001, although ALCOAST 127/01 clearly stated that the multiple was not effective until October 1, 2001. Since the applicant's original enlistment did not expire until November 16, 2001, he could have waited and reenlisted on October 1, 2001, for the SRB

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Chief Counsel admitted and the Board finds that the applicant was incorrectly counseled that he would receive an SRB pursuant to ALCOAST 127/01 if he reenlisted on September 16, 2001. Therefore, the applicant is entitled to the relief requested.

ORDER

September 12, 2002 Date

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