

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2002-059**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to void his 6-year reenlistment contract dated April 1, 2001, which states that he would receive a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB). He did not get the SRB because he was an E-4 on that day. Under COMDTINST 7220.33, members must be in pay grade E-5 or above to receive a Zone B SRB. The applicant was advanced to E-5 on June 1, 2001. However, in April 2001, he had received transfer orders. To accept them, he needed at least one full year of obligated service when he reported to his new station on June 11, 2001. Personnel Manual, Art. 4.B.6. Since his enlistment was due to expire on September 19, 2001, he had to extend his contract for at least 9 months, through June 19, 2002, to accept the transfer orders. On June 19, 2002, an SRB was in effect for his rating under ALCOAST 585/01.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegations.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB. He has proved that he was not properly counseled and that, if he had been, he would have extended his contract for 9 months on April 1, 2001, instead of reenlisting for 6 years. At the end of the extension, on June 20, 2002, he would have been required to reenlist or extend his contract again or be discharged. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that on April 1, 2001, he extended his enlistment for 9 months, through June 19, 2002, to accept his transfer orders. The 6-year contract he signed on April 1, 2001, and any other contract he may have signed since that date shall be null and void. His record shall also be corrected to show that upon the expiration of the 9-month extension, on June 20, 2002, he signed a new contract, which may be an extension of 2 or 3 years or a reenlistment of 3, 4, 5, or 6 years, at his sole discretion. If he extends his enlistment or reenlists for at least 3 years, the Coast Guard shall pay him the SRB he would be due as a result of the correction under ALCOAST 585/01. However, if he refuses to sign such a contract, he shall be discharged expeditiously.

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