

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

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Application for the Correction of  
the Coast Guard Record of:

**Final Decision  
BCMR No. 2002-070**

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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

ULMER, Chair:

The applicant asked that his record be corrected to show that he reenlisted on May 2, 2001 for six years rather than having reenlisted on May 1, 2001 for six years. This correction will entitle the applicant to a Zone A SRB (selective reenlistment bonus) based on pay grade E-5 rather than E-4. The applicant was advanced to MK2 (E-5) on May 1, 2001, the same day that he reenlisted. He was advised at that time that his SRB would be based on his E-5 pay grade. However, when he received the SRB it was based on the E-4 pay rate. The applicant claims that he was improperly counseled that he would receive an SRB as an E-5 if he reenlisted on May 1, 2001.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief because the applicant's unit personnel incorrectly advised him that he would receive an SRB based on the E-5 pay grade. He stated that Article 3.f.(1) of COMDTINST 7220.33 states that an SRB payment is based on "the rate of pay basic pay as of the day immediately preceding reenlistment." He stated that the applicant would not have known about this provision of the regulation because he did not receive proper SRB counseling. There are no page 7 SRB counseling entries in the applicant's record.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

The Chief Counsel admitted and the Board finds that the applicant was counseled incorrectly about the pay grade on which his Zone A SRB would be calculated if he reenlisted on May 1, 2001. Therefore, the applicant is entitled to the relief requested.

**ORDER**

The application of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX USGC, for correction of his military record is granted. His reenlistment contract dated May 1, 2001 shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted on May 2, 2001 for which he received a Zone A SRB with the appropriate multiple, pursuant to ALCOAST 127/01. This correction entitles the applicant to an SRB as an E-5 rather than an E-4. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

November 26, 2002

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