

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

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Application for the Correction of  
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION  
BCMR Docket No. 2002-120**

XXXXXX, XXXXXX X.  
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**SUMMARY OF THE RECORD**

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years, rather than for 4 years, on April 28, 2002, his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on active duty. He alleged that he was erroneously advised that he would receive the maximum Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB), pursuant to ALCOAST 585/01, if he reenlisted for 4 years. His record contains a page 7, dated March 4, 2002, which states that he could only reenlist or extend his enlistment for a maximum of 4 years when, in fact, he could have reenlisted for 6 years. The page 7 also states that his SRB would be calculated upon 48 months of newly obligated service. However, due to the remaining 24 months of obligated service from his previous contract, the period of newly obligated service upon which the applicant's Zone B SRB was based was not 48 months, but rather only 24 months. He alleged that had he been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted for 6 years in order for his SRB to be computed upon 48 months.

On November 29, 2002, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegations that but for the Coast Guard's erroneous counseling, the applicant would have reenlisted for the maximum of 6 years.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility to reenlist for 6 years on his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Board finds that the applicant was erroneously advised about the opportunity to receive the maximum Zone B SRB under ALCOAST 585/01 on his 10<sup>th</sup> active duty anniversary. The Board finds that, had he been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted for 6 years instead of 4 years. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

**ORDER**

The application of XXX XXXXXX X. XXXXXX, XXX XX XXXX, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. His record shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for 6 years instead of 4 years on April 28, 2002, his 10<sup>th</sup> active duty anniversary, to receive a Zone B SRB as provided under ALCOAST 585/01. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

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