

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

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2003-008**

XXXXX, Xxxxxx X.
xxx xx xxxx, XXX

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for six years on October 5, 2002, rather than having done so on July 15, 2002. This correction would entitle him to a Zone A selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) with a multiple of xx under ALCOAST 329/02. He alleged that he was improperly counseled and erroneously promised a Zone A SRB pursuant to ALCOAST 585/01. In support of his allegation, the applicant submitted a copy of his reenlistment contract and an administrative entry (page 7), which states that he was entitled to an Zone A SRB under ALCOAST 585/01 when, in fact, there was no multiple available in that ALCOAST for his rating.

On December 12, 2002, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's requested relief because the record supports the applicant's allegation that he was improperly counseled.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, members are entitled to proper counseling about their SRB eligibility whenever they reenlist. The Chief Counsel admits and the Board finds that the Coast Guard committed an error when it promised the applicant a Zone A SRB under ALCOAST 585/01 despite there being no multiple available therein for his rating. The Board is persuaded that had the applicant known that he was not entitled to an SRB under ALCOAST 585/01, he would not have reenlisted on July 15, 2002. 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 six years on October 6, 2002, instead of July 15, 2002. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due under ALCOAST 329/02 as a result of this correction.

August 28, 2003

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