

**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. 2003-027**

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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 instead of 4 on July 25, 2002. He alleged that he was miscounseled about the effect his previously obligated service would have on the selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) he received for the contract. He alleged that he thought that since he had 2 more years remaining on his previous contract, a 4-year reenlistment would get him an SRB based on 6 years of service. In support of his allegation, he submitted a signed statement from a fellow petty officer, who indicated that the applicant had intended to get the maximum possible bonus by reenlisting but misunderstood the regulations. The applicant's record contains a form CG-3307 that he signed, acknowledging that he was eligible to reenlist or extend his enlistment for up to 6 years and that his SRB would be based on 48 months of newly obligated service.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record indicates that the applicant was confused about the regulations and that his PERSRU failed to explain the impact of reenlisting for 4 years instead of 6.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, members are entitled to proper SRB counseling whenever they reenlist. The preponderance of the evidence indicates that the applicant received inadequate counseling about how to get the maximum SRB for which he was eligible. The Board finds that, if he had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted for 6 years instead of 4. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

**ORDER**

The military record of BM1 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for 6 years (instead of 4) on July 25, 2002, for a Zone B SRB in accordance with ALCOAST 329/02. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

July 22, 2002  
Date

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