

**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. 2003-033**

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted on September 29, 2002, instead of September 28, 2002, to receive a 10th anniversary Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) based on 48 months of newly obligated service in lieu of the SRB based on 47 months of newly obligated service that he actually received. He alleged that his yeoman told him, prior to his 10th active duty anniversary, that he could receive an SRB for 48 months of new service if he reenlisted for 6 years on any day from September 28, 2002, to October 4, 2002. Therefore, he reenlisted for 6 years on September 28th. However, because his existing contract did not end until September 28, 2004, his SRB was based on only 47 months of newly obligated service rather than 48. He alleged that his yeoman erred in not advising him to wait until September 29th to reenlist.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief, because it "is reasonable to assume that the Applicant would have reenlisted on 29 September 2002 for a Zone 'B' SRB based on 48 months had he been informed that reenlisting one day earlier would lessen his SRB by one month."

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under COMDTINST 7220.33, members are entitled to proper SRB counseling prior to their 10th anniversaries on active duty. The preponderance of the evidence indicates that the applicant was not properly counseled. The Board finds that, if he had been properly counseled, he would have waited one day to reenlist for his Zone B SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The request of MK1 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, for correction of his military record is granted. The date of his September 28, 2002, reenlistment contract shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted on September 29, 2002. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due under ALCOAST 329/02 as a result of this correction.

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