

**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. 2003-061**

XXXXX, XXXXX 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 March 1, 2003, rather than having done so on February 27, 2003. The applicant alleged that this correction would make him eligible for the Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) promised in his February 27, 2003 reenlistment contract. On March 1, 2003, ALCOAST 329/02 was in effect, authorizing a Zone B SRB with a multiple of xx for members in the xx rating, who were serving in pay grade E-5 or above, and who either reenlisted or extended their enlistments. The applicant alleged that because he had not been properly counseled, he was unaware that should have reenlisted on March 1, 2003 to receive the SRB.

On July 29, 2003, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request. He stated that had the applicant been properly advised, "it is reasonable to assume that he would have reenlisted two ... days later in order to receive the SRB that his reenlistment contract [contains]."

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

According to Article 3.C.3. of the Personnel Manual, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB. The applicant has submitted persuasive evidence that the Coast Guard committed an error by promising him an SRB for reenlisting earlier than three months before the expiration of his enlistment. Moreover, there is no documentation of SRB counseling in the applicant's record as required by regulation. The Board finds that had the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted for six years on March 1, 2003 for an SRB under ALCOAST 329/02. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The application of XXX XXXXX X. XXXXX, 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 March 1, 2003, rather than February 27, 2003, to receive a Zone B SRB with a multiple of xx under ALCOAST 329/02. The Coast Guard shall pay the applicant the amount due him as a result of this correction.

October 22, 2003
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