

**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. 2003-093**

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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 on January 5, 2003, his 10th anniversary on active duty, for a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB). On January 5, 1999, the applicant reenlisted for 6 years to obtain a Zone A SRB pursuant to ALDIST 290/98. He stated that the Coast Guard erroneously counseled him that he could reenlist on his 10th active duty anniversary but was not eligible for Zone B SRB, while he was being paid for a Zone A SRB. Under Article 3.C.9 of the Personnel Manual, a member who is currently receiving a Zone A SRB, may reenlist to receive a Zone B SRB. The Zone B SRB is paid only for additional obligated service beyond that remaining to be served for the Zone A SRB. The applicant's record contains a page 7 entry, dated October 1, 2002, which states that he was eligible to reenlist but not to obtain an SRB.

On August 18, 2003, the Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegations.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Article 3.C.3 of the Personnel Manual, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB under ALCOAST 329/02. He has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that he was not properly counseled regarding his eligibility to reenlist for an SRB under ALCOAST 329/02 on his 10th active duty anniversary. The Board finds that had the applicant been properly counseled, he would have reenlisted on his 10th anniversary for 6 years to receive a Zone B SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of MK1 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted on his 10th active duty anniversary, January 5, 2003, for 6 years to receive a Zone B SRB under ALCOAST 329/02. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

February 6, 2004
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