

**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. 2003-107**

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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 after he was advanced to E-5 on May 1, 2003. He stated that because he reenlisted on the same day he was advanced, he received his Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) based on the pay of an E-4. He alleged that he was told he would receive the SRB based on his new, higher pay grade. His record shows that his prior enlistment was ending on May 31, 2003, and that a 4-month extension would have become operative on June 1, 2003, if he had not reenlisted.

The Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief by changing the applicant's reenlistment date to May 2, 2003, because the record supports his allegation that he was not properly counseled.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Chapter 3.C. of the Personnel Manual, the applicant was entitled to counseling concerning his SRB eligibility. If he had been properly counseled, he would not have reenlisted on the day that he was advanced because SRBs are based on the member's pay grade on the day before they reenlist. In addition, the Board notes that the applicant's enlistment was not ending until May 31, 2003. If the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have known that the month remaining on his prior enlistment would count as previously obligated service and diminish the size of his SRB. The Board finds that if the applicant had been properly counseled, he would have canceled the extension and reenlisted on June 1, 2003, to receive the maximum Zone B SRB for his rating under ALCOAST 329/02. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

ORDER

The military record of FS2 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he canceled his 4-month extension and reenlisted for 6 years on June 1, 2003, instead of on May 1, 2003. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

January 16, 2004
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