## 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. 2003-128

## SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on his 10th active duty anniversary, July 7, 2003, to receive a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) in accordance with ALCOAST 182/03. He alleged that he was not timely counseled about his eligibility for the SRB and that, if he had been, he would have reenlisted. A yeoman from the applicant's command signed a statement indicating that she failed to verify his 10th anniversary and did not counsel him about the SRB opportunity until the anniversary had passed. His record does not contain documentation of SRB counseling prior to his 10th anniversary.

The Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant the applicant's request because the record supports his allegation that he was not timely counseled.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Article 3.C. of the Personnel Manual, the applicant was entitled to timely counseling concerning his eligibility for an SRB on his 10th anniversary. Under Article 3.C. and ALCOAST 182/03, he was eligible to reenlist for 6 years to receive a Zone B SRB on the anniversary. The Board finds that he was not timely counseled and that, if he had been, he would have reenlisted to receive the SRB. Accordingly, relief should be granted.

## **ORDER**

The military record of MK1 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on his 10th active duty anniversary to receive a Zone B SRB as provided under ALCOAST 182/03. Any other reenlistment or extension contract he may have signed since his 10th anniversary shall be null and void. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due as a result of this correction.

April 29, 2004		
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