

**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. 2004-157**

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SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

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The applicant asked the Board to correct his record to show that he is eligible to receive a Zone B selective reenlistment bonus (SRB) with a multiple of 2.5 for his June 30, 2003, reenlistment. His reenlistment contract and administrative remarks (page 7) indicate that the applicant was advised that he could reenlist on that date to receive a SRB with the 2.5 multiple. In fact, the SRB multiple on that date was only 2. Pursuant to ALCOAST 329/02, on June 30, 2003, the applicant was only entitled to a multiple of 2 for reenlisting for 6 years as a machinery technician, first class (MK1). However, on July 1, 2003, ALCOAST 182/03 became effective, and although the multiple remained the same for a member with the applicant's rating and grade, an additional .5 multiple was added for MKs if that member possessed one of the 7 boat engineer competency codes. The applicant possessed one of those codes.

On July 8, 2004, the Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Coast Guard recommended that the Board deny the applicant's request but recommended granting alternative relief. He stated that the applicant was not entitled to a SRB with a multiple of 2.5 on June 30, 2003. However, the JAG stated that if the applicant had been properly counseled, he likely would have waited one day and reenlisted on July 1, 2003, to receive a SRB with a multiple of 2.5. Accordingly, the JAG recommended that the applicant's record be changed to show that he reenlisted on July 1, 2003, instead of June 30, 2003.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Under Article 3.C. of the Personnel Manual, the applicant was entitled to proper counseling concerning his eligibility for a Zone B SRB when he reenlisted on June 30, 2003. He was given improper counseling and told that he could reenlist on June 30, 2003, to receive a SRB with a multiple of 2.5 under ALCOAST 182/03. In fact, the applicant should have waited until July 1, 2003, to reenlist for the SRB because he would have received a larger SRB because his competency code entitled him to an additional .5 multiple. The Board denies the applicant's requested relief, but the Board grants the alternative relief recommended by the JAG.

ORDER

The military record of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, USCG, shall be corrected to show that he reenlisted for 6 years on July 1, 2003, instead of June 30, 2003. The Coast Guard shall pay him the amount due under ALCOAST 182/03 as a result of this correction.

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