



**DRB DIGEST/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
DRB DOCKET 2014-044**

NAME	E3
CURRENT DD-214	Under Honorable Conditions, COMDTINST M1900.4D, 1.B.17, JKK, Misconduct, RE4
RELIEF REQUESTED	Change RE code
RELIEF GRANTED BY DRB	None
ADMIN CORRECTIONS	Partial relief to Under Honorable Conditions. Amend Separation Authority to COMDTINST M1000.4, Art 1.B.17 .

TIS	2 yrs, 4 months, 11 days
Policy Implications	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The applicant was discharged for Misconduct due to Involvement with Drugs in the Spring of 2013. The applicant was a part of a small group of shipmates that used marijuana together in 2012. The two other individuals admitted to the illegal drug use and cited the applicant as being involved, but the applicant denied smoking with the others. The command began an investigation into the matter and determined that a preponderance of the evidence within the group actions met all the elements of a drug incident for all parties.

Pursuant to policy, the applicant was recommended for separation due to a drug incident. Post separation, the Board does note that the applicant admits to the mistake in written testimony (via DD Form 293) to request this Board in June 2014. Thereafter in September 2014, the applicant filed a Congressional inquiry in which starts denying illegal drug use again.

The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case.

The applicant was notified of the intent to discharge, and the applicant was advised of the right to an attorney. A statement was made while objecting to the discharge.

The Board notes that the DD-214 issued has the Character of Service as 'Under Other than Honorable' and the wrong Separation Authority referencing a different directive. These are administrative errors. Coast Guard Personnel Service Center (epm) authorized a General discharge with 'Under Honorable Conditions' as the Character of Service.

Coast Guard policy prescribes no higher than a General, Under Honorable Conditions character of service for individuals separated as a result of violating the Coast Guard's drug policy. The Coast Guard has zero tolerance for drug abuse. The General, Under Honorable Conditions discharge is equitable.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant for Human Resources: No relief other than the partial upgrade to 'Under Honorable Conditions' and the correct Separation Authority (COMDTINST M1000.4, Art 1.B.17) due to the administrative errors.