

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2012-049

Discharge Issued

Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: Personality Disorder

SPD/RE Code: JFX / RE4

Authority of Discharge: 12.B.6

Date of Separation: 2004-02-10

DRB Decision

Character: No Change

Narrative Reason: Separation for Misc/General Reasons

SPD/RE Code: JND / RE1

New Authority: 12.B.12

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:

DISCUSSION:

The applicant was discharged for unsuitability due to personality disorder.

The applicant telephonically appeared before the Board to state suffering a physical impairment that lead to the temporary duty assignment. The applicant was not satisfied with performing routine support tasks and sought out discharge from the Coast Guard. The applicant stating meeting with a psychiatrist and receiving a discharge package from the command. The applicant disputes the finding of a personality disorder. Without any medical records showing an official diagnosis, it is inaccurate to assign a separation code, narrative reason, or authority on a DD214 for a mental health discharge case. The board can't uphold a Personality Disorder separation without an adequate basis, particularly in regards to mental health cases. It should not be incumbent on the applicant to try to overturn that a personality disorder did not exist.

In order for the applicant to be Discharged for a mental illness, it requires a diagnosis from a military psychologist, psychiatrist, or other mental health professional capable of rendering such diagnoses to the CG or VA. Such medical records are made a permanent part of the service record. None of those documents exist in the applicant's medical or personal data record.

The board unanimously recommends relief as follows:

SPD Code: JND

Narrative Reason: Separation for Miscellaneous/General Reasons

Authority: 12.B.12

RE code: RE-1

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant For Human Resources: Concur with Board. Aforesaid relief is granted.

In reviewing discharges, the Board presumes regularity in the conduct of governmental affairs unless there is substantial credible evidence (to include evidence submitted by the Applicant) to rebut the presumption.