UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2012-081

Discharge Issued
Character: Under Honorable Conditions (General)
Narrative Reason: Misconduct
SPD/RE Code: JKK / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.4 Art 1.B.17

Date of Separation: 2012-05-23

DRB Decision
Character: No Change
Narrative Reason: No Change
SPD/RE Code: No Change / No Change

New Authority: No Change

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:
DISCUSSION:
The applicant was discharged for Misconduct for admitting to use of Marijuana, and willfully transporting and possessing Methamphetamine.

The applicant's car was stopped on a routine traffic stop by a County Sheriff. The applicant revealed to the deputy of smoking marijuana in the vehicle earlier that day. A search of the vehicle found a lemonade bottle containing Methamphetamine. Further investigation by officers showed text messaging consistent with the intent to sell narcotics. This led to the applicant's passenger admitting to the substance being their own by saying "It's mine, book me"

Pursuant to policy, the applicant was recommended for Discharge due to a drug incident. The applicant did object to the command's discharge notification, but provided nothing on their behalf to negate the verbal statement admitting to the usage of marijuana. The applicant also received NJP for Unauthorized absence in which a reduction from E3 to E2 was executed.

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

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.