

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2012-082

Discharge Issued

Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: Personality Disorder

SPD/RE Code: JFX / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.6, 12.B.16

Date of Separation: 2001-02-20

DRB Decision

Character: No Change

Narrative Reason: Adjustment Disorder

SPD/RE Code: JFY / RE3

New Authority: No Change

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:

DISCUSSION:

The applicant was discharged due to unsuitability based upon the diagnosis of an adjustment disorder.

The applicant was referred to the clinic by the command due to below average work and unstable mental health. A psychiatrist concluded that while the career could be salvaged with leadership intervention, the applicant is very discouraged by the work environment and refuses to consider any medical intervention.

The applicant's record supports a diagnosis of adjustment disorder, however the Coast Guard did not adopt the usage of SPD code JFY, Adjustment Disorder in ALCOAST 252/09. Therefore, the Board recommends that the applicant's narrative reason for discharge be changed to "Adjustment Disorder" with SPD code "JFY". Additionally, in the absence of any misconduct or negative information in the applicant's scant record, the Board finds no justification for the more restrictive RE-4 and recommends that the applicant's RE code be upgraded to RE-3.

The Board unanimously recommends an upgrade to RE-3, which will allow for the applicant the opportunity for future military service with a waiver. Additionally, the board unanimously endorses the narrative reason for discharge to be revised to an adjustment disorder.

An RE3 reentry code is not an affirmative recommendation for reenlistment, rather it represents that the applicant is not recommended for reenlistment due to a disqualifying factor. Based upon the policies and needs of the gaining Service, the RE3 code may be waived. An RE1 is not appropriate or authorized for adjustment disorders.

Final Adjudication By Assistant Commandant for Human Resources: Concur with Board. Following relief is granted:

Separation Code: JFY

Re-entry Code: RE3

Narrative Reason: Adjustment Disorder

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.