

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2013-005

Discharge Issued

Character: General

Narrative Reason: Frequent Involvement Discreditable Nature

SPD/RE Code: JKN / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.6A, 12.B.18

Date of Separation: 2003-02-27

DRB Decision

Character: Under Honorable Conditions (General)

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: No Change / No Change

New Authority: No Change

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:

DISCUSSION:

The applicant was discharged for Frequent Involvement of a Discreditable Nature.

An established pattern of infractions had deemed the applicant untrustworthy, unreliable, mentally unstable, and financially irresponsible. The applicant was found guilty at NJP for illegal use of the government credit card, and assaulting/threatening a fellow Petty Officer. Prior to the NJP, the applicant received 5 negative administrative remarks entries, and 4 evaluation reviews with a not recommended for advancement result.

Due to the inability to meet the basic fundamentals as a junior petty officer, the command began processing for Discharge. The Discharge was official after 7 years of service. The applicant was given ample opportunity to demonstrate competence as shipmate capable of being at the appointed place of duty, meeting the minimum performance standards, managing finances, and controlling emotions without affecting peers.

The Board finds no issues with propriety in this case. However, the character of service standard for separations with the SPD code of JKN normally results in an Under Honorable Conditions discharge. Furthermore, per ALCOAST 562/08, a General discharge is no longer a valid character of service. Therefore, the board recommends partial relief based on the post-policy to an Under Honorable Conditions character of service.

Also of note, from an administrative standpoint, the board notes that the Narrative Reason for Separation should be listed as Misconduct on the applicant's DD-214. The reason of Frequent Involvement of a Discreditable Nature is not an official Narrative Reason to be used on the DD-214. Rather, it is an explanation for the Misconduct in the SPD handbook and legacy Personnel Manual.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant For Human Resources: Partial relief on the applicant's character of service to 'Under Honorable Conditions'. Additionally, by way of an administrative change, the Narrative Reason for Separation will now be listed as Misconduct on the applicant's DD-214 for Legal sufficiency.

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.

