UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2013-018

Discharge Issued Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: Miscellaneous / General Reasons

SPD/RE Code: KND / RE1

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

Date of Separation: 2011-04-04

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 Miscellaneous/General Reasons as a result of a voluntary request for early release, as authorized and outlined in ALCGENL 046/10.

The applicant contends that the DD-214 issued is in error and that the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) does not recognize the "Separation for Miscellaneous/General Reasons" for 100% entitlement to DVA educational benefits. Personnel separated under the voluntary early release program are separated under PERSMAN 12B.12 for the Convenience of the Government, and are assigned SPD Code KND with a Narrative Reason of Separation for Miscellaneous/General Reasons.

The applicant has not substantiated any issues with propriety or equity in this case. The Board notes that the applicant claims that full education benefits were promised by the Dept of Veterans Affairs. Determination of DVA educational benefits are not within the scope of this Board and eligibility determinations are made by the DVA. In the applicant's case, early release was requested after 32 months of active service. The standard to receive 100 percent education benefits under the early separation program was set at 36 months of service.

Propriety: Discharge was proper. Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant For Human Resources: No relief. Stand as issued.

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.