

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2013-041

Discharge Issued

Character: General

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKK / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.6A

Date of Separation: 2006-03-06

DRB Decision

Character: Under Honorable Conditions (General)

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 due to Involvement with Drugs.

The applicant had a positive urinalysis result for methamphetamines. In the application, the applicant denies any usage or wrongdoing with drugs. A mention was made by the applicant that he wanted to do a follow up urinalysis test to prove his innocence. The applicant was taken to NJP where he pled guilty and received punishment. The applicant was given an opportunity to state their case, but chose not to provide a statement. Later, the Discharge was approved.

The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case. Coast Guard policy prescribes no higher than an Under Honorable Conditions character of service for individuals separated as a result of violating the Coast Guard's drug policy.

The Board notes a General Discharge was issued. Per post policy noted in ALCOAST 562/08, a General discharge is no longer considered an official character of service. Therefore, the board recommends a partial upgrade to an Under Honorable Conditions character of service. All other items remain the same.

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant For Human Resources: Partial Relief is granted to Under Honorable Conditions per post-policy ALCOAST 562/08. All other items 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.