UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2014-003

Discharge Issued Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: Fraudulent Entry

SPD/RE Code: JDA / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.6, Art A.B.17

Date of Separation: 2012-06-18

DRB Decision

Character: No Change

Narrative Reason: Separation for Misc/General Reasons

SPD/RE Code: JND / RE3G

New Authority: COMDTINST M1000.4 Art 1.B.15

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:

DISCUSSION:

The applicant was discharged for Fraudulent Entry Into Military Service due to physical ailments that limited the ability to perform the basic shipboard tasks.

The applicant spoke of breathing and vision problems after just a few weeks aboard a vessel in the first assignment after initial training. One month later, the command had determined that the applicant had not fully disclosed the limiting conditions at either Military Entrance Processing or the training center. The command notified the applicant of the intent to discharge for Fraudulent Enlistment. The applicant did not object to the discharge, but made a statement to state that no attempt to lie or deceive the Coast Guard (on a vertigo or asthma problem) was made at any time. Based on the inconsistencies in the separation package and the applicant's statements to date, the Board recommends the following changes: Separation code to JND. Narrative Reason: Separation for Miscellaneous/General Reasons. Reentry code of RE-3G. The Board also notes that an Honorable Discharge was issued despite serving less than 180 days in service. An 'Uncharacterized' discharge should have been issued. This error was in the applicant's favor.

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. The RE3 code may be waived based upon the policies and needs of the gaining Service.

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

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.