

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2014-004

Discharge Issued

Character: Under Honorable Conditions (General)

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKK / RE4

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

Date of Separation: 2011-02-24

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 Misconduct due to Involvement with drugs.

The applicant admitted to the Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) to using marijuana on different occasions. Additionally, other shipmates mentioned the applicant's name in substantial illegal drug use. Pursuant to policy, the applicant was recommended for Discharge due to a drug incident.

The applicant was notified of the intent to discharge, and the applicant was advised of the rights to an attorney. The applicant objected to the discharge and made a statement. The applicant claimed to be bullied into a confession of drug use by CGIS agents. However, the applicant does not specify or strongly oppose partaking in illegal drug use in any way. The applicant states to have never been convicted of a drug crime or ever tested positive on a urinalysis.

The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case. Coast Guard policy prescribes no higher than a General, Under Honorable Conditions character of service for individuals separated as a result of violating the Coast Guard's drug policy. The separation is consistent with the substance abuse policy, the Coast Guard has zero tolerance for drug abuse. The General, Under Honorable Conditions discharge is equitable.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

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

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.