UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2014-024

Discharge Issued Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGE WHEN MEMBER PERFORMS ACTS OF

UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT **SPD/RE Code:** JNC / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.6A,ART 12-B-16

Date of Separation: 2008-02-27

DRB Decision

Character: No Change

Narrative Reason: Separation for Misc/General Reasons

SPD/RE Code: JND / No Change

New Authority: No Change

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:

DISCUSSION:

The applicant was discharged due to an established pattern showing a failure to pay debts.

The applicant had financial issues in which a car was repossessed after failed payments. Thereafter, the applicant had become delinquent on the government charge card which resulted in financial probation. The terms of the probation were made clear to the applicant (to pay off the debt) in an administrative remarks entry the same year. The following two months, the applicant wrote delinquent checks, but they all were returned as insufficient funds. These actions violated the financial probation. The command started discharge processing. Upon notification of the command's intent to discharge the applicant, the applicant made a statement and objected to discharge.

Despite the pattern of indebtedness, the Board finds that the applicant's Narrative Reason for Separation of Misconduct is not properly aligned with separations stemming from financial irresponsibility. The Board recommends usage of legacy Personnel Manual COMDTNST M1000.6A, Art 12B.16.b(6) which separated enlisted personnel for Unsuitability for a patterned failure to pay debts.

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

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant For Human Resources: Partial relief granted to the applicant's

Separation Code and Narrative Reason for separation (All other items stand as Issued

Discharge: No change Authority: No change Separation Code: JND Re-entry Code: No change

Narrative Reason: Separation for Miscellaneous/General Reasons

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.