

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2014-037

Discharge Issued

Character: General

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKK / RE4

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

Date of Separation: 2006-10-17

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. Prior to the separation, the command became concerned with the member's listless and apathetic behavior. The applicant was escorted to a civilian physician who performed a standard examination by collecting lab results and a urinalysis on the applicant. The urinalysis returned with a positive reading for Cocaine use.

The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case. The applicant was notified of the intent to discharge, and the applicant was advised of the right to an attorney. A statement was made while objecting to the discharge.

The Board notes that the applicant received a General Discharge. Per post policy noted in ALCOAST 562/08, a General discharge is no longer considered an official character of service. Therefore, the board recommends an administrative correction to the Under Honorable Conditions character of service.

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 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 Deputy Commandant for Mission Support: Concur with Board. No relief other than the administrative change based on ALCOAST 562/08. Amend character of service to: Under Honorable Conditions.

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.