

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2014-059

Discharge Issued

Character: Under Honorable Conditions (General)

Narrative Reason: Personality disorder

SPD/RE Code: JFX / RE4

Authority of Discharge: ART. 12.B.16 PERSMAN

Date of Separation: 2001-08-06

DRB Decision

Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: Adjustment Disorder

SPD/RE Code: JFY / RE3

New Authority: COMDTINST M1000.6 Art 12.B.16

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:

DISCUSSION:

The applicant was discharged for Personality Disorder. The service record was absent of any medical diagnosis or discharge memorandum to specifically cite the reasons for the discharge. Without this information and based on the limited data available, the applicant's record may better support an adjustment disorder. However, the Coast Guard did not adopt the usage of SPD code JFY, Adjustment Disorder, when ALCOAST 252/09 was authorized to remove the lifelong stigma of a Personality disorder describing the Narrative Reason for separation. Additionally, the DRB has reviewed 30 previous cases containing Personality or Adjustment disorder, none of which issued Under Honorable Conditions as the Character of Service. All others (that served greater than 180 days of service) were issued an Honorable discharge. The applicant's record shows no lost time or Misconduct. Also of note, with only 9 months of service, an upgrade to Honorable would only provide minimal tangible benefits.

The Board endorses a change to that the applicant's narrative reason for discharge to "Adjustment Disorder" with SPD code "JFY". Additionally, in the absence of any misconduct or negative information in the applicant's record, the Board finds no justification for the more restrictive RE-4. The applicant's RE code should be upgraded to a RE-3.

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. Based upon the policies and needs of the gaining Service, the RE3 code may be waived. An REI is not appropriate or authorized for adjustment disorders.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was NOT 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.