

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2014-060

**Discharge Issued**

**Character:** Honorable

**Narrative Reason:** Convenience of the Government

**SPD/RE Code:** JFV / RE3G

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

**Date of Separation:** 2007-02-02

**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 Convenience of the Government. The applicant was on Active Duty for 2 years and 2 months. The current petition claims that it should have been issued a Medical Discharge vice a convenience-based Discharge. Upon further review, the Board notes that the applicant received the correct Separation code (SPD) of JFV, but was issued the wrong Narrative Reason for Separation. As indicated on the Personnel Service Center's separation summary, the Character of Service authorized is 'Condition, Not a Disability'. The Servicing Personnel Office erroneously entered the wrong Narrative Reason.

In addition to the error, the Board references ALCOAST 562/08 that clearly states 'Convenience of the Government' will not be used for Block 28 of the DD-214. While it is an overarching and foundational basis for Discharge in the Legacy Personnel Manual, it is not an official and specific Narrative Reason to be issued in accordance with the SPD handbook. Aside from the administrative error, the Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case.

The Board also notes that the RE3G reentry code issued is not an affirmative recommendation for reenlistment, rather it represents that the applicant is not recommended for reenlistment due to a disqualifying factor. The RE3G code may be waived based upon the policies and needs of the gaining Service.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Final Adjudication By Assistant Commandant for Human Resources: Concur with Board. No relief other than administrative correction on the Narrative Reason to: Condition, Not a Disability.

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.