

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2015-003

Discharge Issued

Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: Unsuitability

SPD/RE Code: JFX / RE4

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

Date of Separation: 2003-02-13

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 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 at hand, 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 until ALCOAST 252/09 was authorized to remove the lifelong stigma of a Personality disorder describing the Narrative Reason for separation. The applicant's record shows no lost time or Misconduct.

The Board recommends that the applicant's narrative reason for discharge be changed to "Adjustment Disorder" with SPD code "JFY". Additionally, in the absence of any misconduct or negative information in the applicant's scant record, the Board finds no justification for the more restrictive RE-4 and recommends that the applicant's RE code be upgraded to RE-30.

An RE3 reenry 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 RE1 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.