

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2015-004

Discharge Issued

Character: General

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKK / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.4, Art 1.C.5

Date of Separation: 2015-01-12

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.

The applicant admitted to illegal drug use the Coast Guard Investigative Service while serving in the Armed Forces. The applicant's command determined this to be a drug incident. Pursuant to policy, the applicant was recommended for Discharge due to a drug incident.

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 rights to an attorney. The applicant made a statement and objected to discharge.

Coast Guard policy prescribes no higher than a General Discharge, 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 Discharge, Under Honorable Conditions discharge is equitable.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Final Adjudication By Assistant Commandant for Human Resources: Concur with Board. No relief other than an administrative correction to the Separation Authority which will be amended to COMDTINST M1000.4, Art 1.B.17.

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.