

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2015-035

Discharge Issued

Character: General

Narrative Reason: Pattern of Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKA / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.4

Date of Separation: 2015-05-20

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 a Pattern of Misconduct.

The Board has reviewed the repeated issues of inappropriate relations by the applicant while serving aboard a USCG vessel. In addition to that, the alcohol incident while at "A" school caused severe damage to government property due to the applicant's negligence.

The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case. The applicant had 5 discipline evals and 4 Non-Judicial punishment in the short period of service. The applicant was notified of the intent to discharge, and the applicant was advised of the right to an attorney.

The applicant made a statement on their behalf but did NOT object to the terms of the discharge.

Separately, the Board recommends that an administrative correction is made to the character of service listed in Block 24 of the applicant's DD-214. Per previous policy issued in ALCOAST 562/08, a General discharge is no longer considered an official character of service. Therefore, the board recommends amending Block 24 to an Under Honorable Conditions character of service.

The cause for the error was due to the Direct Access upgrade to the 9.1 version in which the programmers listed General vice Under Honorable Conditions as an option for Block 24. The list of entries for Block 24 has since been reprogrammed by COMDT (CG-631).

RECOMMENDATION: The Board members thoroughly reviewed the applicant's record of service and all available documentation. The Board deemed that the applicant's reason for separation and reenlistment code are appropriate and should not be changed. The applicant has not substantiated any error or inequity.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Board Conclusion: The Board voted 5-0 to recommend partial relief to Under Honorable Conditions due to the aforesaid administrative error.

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.