

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2015-039

Discharge Issued

Character: General

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKQ / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.4 ART: 1.B.17

Date of Separation: 2014-02-10

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.

Twice within a calendar year, the applicant went before Summary Court Martial proceedings which involved possession of illegal drugs and large misuse and debt accrued on their government travel card. The applicant was found guilty of all offenses and was processed for discharge thereafter.

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.

The Board does recommend 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 at the start of the calendar year 2015, 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 corrected and reprogrammed by COMDT (CG-631) for all future discharges.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board members thoroughly reviewed the applicant's record of service and all available documentation. The Board deemed that the 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 no relief other than an administrative change to Under Honorable Conditions.

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.

