

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2015-048

Discharge Issued

Character: General

Narrative Reason: Separation for Miscellaneous/General Reasons

SPD/RE Code: JND / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.4 Art 1.B.15

Date of Separation: 2015-04-20

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 Separation For Miscellaneous/General Reasons.

The applicant received two alcohol incidents in a calendar year that led to the Discharge for Unsuitability.

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 right to an attorney. The applicant declined to make a statement and did not object to the discharge.

The Board does note the administrative error made on the Separation Summary issued that reads Under Honorable Conditions in the top section, and then Honorable in the remarks section. The character of service recommendations at the unit and District level were both listed as Honorable. There is no information within the record showing that the Separation Authority decided to opt for Under Honorable Conditions. The Servicing Personnel Office issued a General character of service in Block 24 of the DD-214.

Due to the administrative inconsistency pointed out by the applicant, the Board recommends correcting to an Honorable discharge. At a minimum, Block 24 should be amended to Under Honorable Conditions per the previous policy issued in ALCOAST 562/08, a General discharge is no longer considered an official character of service. The cause for this secondary 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.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Board Conclusion: The Board voted 5-0 to administratively change to an Honorable discharge based on the conflicting data on the Separation summary issued.

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.

