UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2015-051

Discharge Issued Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: Alcohol Rehabilitation Failure

SPD/RE Code: JPD / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.6 Art 12.B.16

Date of Separation: 2005-06-24

DRB Decision

Character: No Change

Narrative Reason: Separation for Misc/General Reasons

SPD/RE Code: JND / No Change

New Authority: COMDTINST M1000.4 Art 1.B.15

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:

DISCUSSION:

The applicant was discharged for Alcohol Rehabilitation Failure (Unsuitability).

The applicant received NJP for an alcohol incident. The applicant was arrested for driving under the influence. The applicant did successfully complete substance abuse treatment after each incident, and prior to the discharge.

The Board has no issues on the propriety standard of this discharge.

On the equity standard, the board referred to post-policy of ALCOAST 125/10 to make a recommendation on the Narrative Reason (NR) for the discharge. The Board notes most or all separations occurring after the release of said ALCOAST to the present, only issue a JPD (SPD) code when the member is unable to complete outpatient treatment, or an objection or refusal for treatment altogether is documented. Neither of those actions occurred in this case. Therefore, the Board recommends that the NR be amended to: Separation for Miscellaneous/General Reasons with a Separation Type of: (Unsuitability) Alcohol Abuse. The recommended SPD code is JND.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board members thoroughly reviewed the applicant's record of service and all available documentation.

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.