

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2015-057

**Discharge Issued**

**Character:** Honorable

**Narrative Reason:** Adjustment Disorder

**SPD/RE Code:** JFY / RE-4

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

**Date of Separation:** 2010-07-13

**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 Adjustment Disorder.

The applicant underwent three separate psychiatric evaluations to determine fitness for duty after four fainting incidents. Each of the evaluations concurred that the applicant was maladaptive to military life, the final two diagnosis were determined to be Adjustment Disorder. Soon thereafter, the applicant was recommended for discharge.

The applicant did not object to discharge and made a statement on their behalf. Within that statement, the applicant admitted to having the pre-existing conditions before entering military service.

Majority Board recommendation (3-2): Majority Board finds no error with the applicant's discharge. Additionally, the RE-4 reentry code should remain as issued due to the applicant's inability to meet all conditions of employment. The Majority Board notes the current claim of the previously unreported sexual harassment while in service, but has no specifics to mitigate from within this case. The applicant did receive an Honorable discharge, but no new evidence suggests that Adjustment disorder diagnosis or syncope with collapse incidents are faulty or now rendered inconclusive. Discharge should stand as issued.

Minority Board recommendation (2-3): After a thorough review, the applicant's record does support the diagnosis of adjustment disorder. However, there is no adverse activity within the nearly 11 months of service to bolster the issuance of an RE-4 reentry code which bans entry into future military service. The Coast Guard adopted the usage of SPD code JFY, Adjustment Disorder -ALCOAST 252/09. In the absence of derogatory behavior or any illegal actions, the Minority Board recommends that the applicant's reentry code be amended to RE-3G, which is the standard etiquette for Adjustment Disorder discharges when no misconduct is cited as the primary catalyst.

An RE3G reentry code is not an affirmative recommendation for reenlistment, rather it represents that the applicant is not recommended for reenlistment due to a disqualifying factor. The RE3G code may be waived based upon the policies and needs of the gaining Service.

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

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.