

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-011

Discharge Issued

Character: Other Than Honorable Conditions

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKK / RE4

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

Date of Separation: 2014-12-15

DRB Decision

Character: Under Honorable Conditions (General)

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, with a discharge due to Misconduct specifically due to Involvement with Drugs.

The applicant had a positive urinalysis result and admitted to using illegal drugs. The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case.

However, the Board cites that an Under Other Than Honorable discharge was issued. The applicant's separation summary reads as General for the character of service as directed by the USCG Personnel Service Center.

Therefore, the Board recommends an administrative correction to Under Honorable Conditions.

Coast Guard policy prescribes no higher than a General, Under Honorable Conditions character of service for individuals separated as a result of violating the Coast Guard's drug policy. The Coast Guard has zero tolerance for drug abuse. The General, Under Honorable Conditions discharge is equitable.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was NOT equitable.

Final Adjudication By Assistant Commandant for Human Resources: Concur with Board. The Applicant's character of service issued in Block 24 of the DD-214 should be made to Under Honorable Conditions as directed by the USCG Personnel Service Center. Aside from this change, no relief.

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.