

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-014

Discharge Issued

Character: General

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKK / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.6A, ART 12-B-18

Date of Separation: 2007-12-21

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 was found guilty of using a substance to obtain a 'high' contrary to its intended use. The applicant was placed on report for misuse of prescription drugs and inhalants. The command determined this to be a drug incident.

The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case. The Board notes that an administrative change should be made on the character of service to Under Honorable Conditions in Block 24 of the DD-214.

The applicant was notified of the intent to discharge, and the applicant was advised of the right to an attorney. The applicant made a statement on their behalf and objected to the discharge.

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 equitable.

Final Adjudication By Assistant Commandant for Human Resources: Concur with Board. The Applicant's Character of Service has recently been amended via admin correction to Under Honorable Conditions per ALCOAST 562/08.

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.