

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-035

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: 2005-11-25

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 Misconduct. The Applicant's Character of Service is General and the Narrative Reason for Separation is Misconduct.

The Board has no issues with the propriety standard on this case. However, the Board does note that the applicant received a General Discharge. Per previous policy issued in ALCOAST 562/08, a general discharge is no longer considered an official Character of Service. Therefore, the board recommends a partial upgrade to an Under Honorable Conditions Character of Service.

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board members thoroughly reviewed the applicant's record of service and all available documentation. The Board deemed that the applicant's reason for separation and reenlistment code are appropriate and should not be changed. The Board recommends the applicant's Character of Service be partially upgraded to Under Honorable Conditions (General).

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.