

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-041

Discharge Issued

Character: Under Honorable Conditions (General)

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKK / RE4

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

Date of Separation: 2013-04-22

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 Under Honorable Conditions, and the Narrative Reason for Separation is Misconduct.

The applicant was discharged from the U. S. Coast Guard by reason of Misconduct due to wrongful possession and use of a controlled substance. During the investigation, the Applicant admitted to using Methylenedioxy-Methamphetamine (MDMA).

The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case.

The applicant was notified of the intent to discharge, and the applicant was advised of the right to an attorney. The applicant did not object 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.

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 applicant has not substantiated any error or inequity.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Board Conclusion: The Board voted 5-0 to recommend 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.