

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-044

**Discharge Issued**

**Character:** General

**Narrative Reason:** Pattern of Misconduct

**SPD/RE Code:** JKA / RE4

**Authority of Discharge:** COMDTINST M1000.4, 1-B-12

**Date of Separation:** 2015-02-05

**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 Pattern of Misconduct due to receiving two or more non-judicial punishments within a 2-year period.

The applicant was awarded Non-Judicial Punishment (Article 15 of the UCMJ) three times over a 16-month period. The applicant's actions displayed a lack of commitment and complete disregard to orders and regulations, and most importantly the Coast Guard's core values.

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 submit a statement on their behalf and did object to the discharge.

Additionally, the Board noticed that the applicant was issued a General Discharge in Block 24 of the DD214 for character of service. Per ALCOAST 562/08, General is not a valid character of service. The Board recommends that this is administratively corrected to Under Honorable Conditions. The General discharge is correct, but is not a valid character of service entry for Block 24.

**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.

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.