

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-056

**Discharge Issued**

**Character:** General

**Narrative Reason:** Completion of Required Service

**SPD/RE Code:** JBK / RE3

**Authority of Discharge:** COMDTINST M1000.4, 1-E-3A

**Date of Separation:** 2015-01-19

**DRB Decision**

**Character:** Under Honorable Conditions (General)

**Narrative Reason:** No Change

**SPD/RE Code:** No Change / No Change

**New Authority:** COMDTINST M1000.4 Art 1.B.11

**Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:**

DISCUSSION:

The basis of the Applicant's discharge was due to Misconduct.

The Applicant was found not eligible and not recommended for retention. During the Admiral's Mast, they admitted to the wrongful use of cocaine, marijuana and MDMA. In addition, they were found to be in possession of a firearm without state permit.

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.

After further review from CG-LGL, it was determined the correct Separation Authority should be, COMDTINST M1000.4, Art. 1-B-11 to properly align with the Military Separations Manual.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable at the time issued.

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant for Human Resources: Concur with the Board to recommend partial relief to the Applicant's Character of Service to Under Honorable Conditions based on ALCOAST 562/08.

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.