

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-064

Discharge Issued

Character: Under Honorable Conditions (General)

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKQ / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.4, 1-B-17

Date of Separation: 2014-03-12

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 due to Misconduct.

The Applicant telephonically appeared before the Board. The Applicant talked about their time in the service and their devotion to the military. The Applicant also described the events that took place leading up the Applicant's two non-judicial punishment proceedings and the Applicant's alcohol incident.

The Board discussed the totality of the Applicant's service record and the Applicant's evaluations, which displays that the Applicant was a solid above average performer.

The Board does not recommend an upgrade to the Applicant's Character of Service to reflect Honorable. The majority opinion (4-1) among the panel is that the discharge to stand as issued.

Minority Board voted 1-4 that the discharge characterization was inequitable and the totality of service is best characterized as "Honorable". The Applicant's service record contains three instances of impropriety. The Applicant was discharged following a non-judicial proceeding for an inappropriate consensual relationship. Despite the misconduct, the Minority Board would not characterize the improprieties as sufficiently severe and do not support an "Under Honorable Conditions" characterization.

The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case. The Applicant was notified of the intent to discharge and was advised of his rights to an attorney. The Applicant did submit a statement and did object to the discharge.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant for Human Resources: Concur with the Board. 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.