

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-071

**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:** 2005-10-13

**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 Character of Service as General and the Narrative Reason for Separation is Misconduct.

The basis of the Applicant's separation was due to Involvements With Drugs. The Board noted that the Applicant's multiple Administrative Remarks Entries (CG-3307) in their service record, demonstrated the inability to overcome their documented deficiencies in behavior and conduct.

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.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable at the time issued. Post-policy below provides partial relief.

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant for Human Resources: Concur with the Board. Recommend partial relief to the applicant's Character of Service to Under Honorable Conditions based on ALCOAST 562/08. All other items stand as issued.

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.