

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2016-077

Discharge Issued

Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: Misconduct

SPD/RE Code: JKQ / RE4

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

Date of Separation: 2015-05-22

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 Board discussed that the member was involved in a DUI and refused a breathalyzer test at the scene. The former member did submit to a blood sample test at a later time. Drugs were not found to be a factor in the driving impairment. IAW ALCOAST 146/14 if a member refuses a Blood Alcohol Test by a recognized authority then proceedings for Administrative Discharge will be initiated. The member has a stellar service record with multiple recommendations from their command to retain them. It was further stated that their dismissal was a huge loss to the Coast Guard. The vote from the Board was tallied at 4-1 to grant no relief on the RE Code which will remain an RE-4.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board deemed that the applicant's character of service is appropriate and should remain as issued on the Separation Authorization. The applicant has not substantiated an 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.