

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2017-002

**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:** 2007-04-13

**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 for Misconduct due to Involvement With Drugs.

The basis of their separation arose when the applicant was involved in a drug incident when they procured, possessed, and used plant material they believed to be opium poppy in order to obtain a "high." The applicant presented no new evidence to refute the actions leading to the Discharge.

The Board finds no issues with propriety or equity in this case. 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.

Additionally, the Board noticed that the applicant was issued a General Discharge in Block 24 of the DD-214 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.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Board Conclusion: The Board voted 5-0 to recommend no relief. The Board does recommend an administrative correction to Under Honorable Conditions per 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.