

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2017-019

**Discharge Issued**

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

**Narrative Reason:** Misconduct

**SPD/RE Code:** HKK / RE4

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

**Date of Separation:** 2016-07-27

**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 for Misconduct due to Involvement with Drugs.

The applicant voluntarily admitted to Coast Guard Investigative Service of using marijuana. This violation is documented and acknowledged by the applicant in an administrative remarks entry. The applicant's command determined this to be a drug incident. Pursuant to policy, the applicant was recommended for separation due to a drug incident.

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 the rights to an attorney. A statement was submitted by the applicant.

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. Consistent with policy, the Coast Guard has zero tolerance for drug abuse. The General, Under Honorable Conditions discharge is equitable.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board members thoroughly reviewed the applicant's record of service and all available documentation. The Board deemed that the applicant's character of service, reason for separation and reenlistment code are appropriate and should not be changed. The applicant has not substantiated any 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.