

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2017-034

**Discharge Issued**

**Character:** Other Than Honorable Conditions

**Narrative Reason:** Misconduct

**SPD/RE Code:** JKK / RE4

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

**Date of Separation:** 2014-06-23

**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 (Drugs) after serving a total of 02 Years, 09 Months and 05 Days on Active Duty.

The former member received the involvement with drugs while attending A-School using a controlled substance. The applicant was referred to Base Clinic to evaluate their relationship with drugs.

IAW COMDTINST M1000.4 1.B.17.b (4) any member involved in a drug incident or illegal, wrongful, or improper sale, transfer, manufacture, or introduction onto a military installation of any drug, as defined in Chapter 7 of the Military Drug and Alcohol Policy, COMDTINST M1000.10 (series), will be processed for separation from the Coast Guard with no higher than an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge.

The SPD handbook prescribes an RE Code of RE-4 for an SPD Code of JKK. The PDR contains all of the separation paperwork prepared by the command, however there is not a separation authorization in Direct Access. The applicant is requesting relief in Block 25 to change the Narrative Reason for Separation from Misconduct and JKK to reflect Secretarial Authority.

**PROPRIETY:** The Board finds no issues with propriety in this case. The applicant was properly discharged under policy in effect at the time of discharge.

**EQUITY:** 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.

**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 based on the available evidence and should not be changed. There was not any discharge documentation nor an investigation available to review to discount or uphold the discharge type that the former member received. The applicant has not substantiated any error or inequity.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Board Conclusion: The Board voted 3-0 to recommend 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.