

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2017-046

Discharge Issued

Character: Honorable

Narrative Reason: Convenience of the Government

SPD/RE Code: KND / RE4

Authority of Discharge: COMDTINST M1000.6A Art 12.B.12

Date of Separation: 2008-09-15

DRB Decision

Character: No Change

Narrative Reason: No Change

SPD/RE Code: No Change / RE1

New Authority: No Change

Discharge Review Board Discussion and Decision:

DISCUSSION:

The Applicant was discharged for the Convenience of the Government.

The applicant was disenrolled from training because of their inability to receive a security clearance. The applicant was denied a security clearance due to their dual citizenship status, offshore accounts and outstanding debts.

During the recruiting process, the applicant did disclose their dual citizenship on the Standard Form (SF) 86 and was still offered a guaranteed A-school assignment prior to enlisting in the Coast Guard from the Coast Guard Recruiting Command. While attending A-school, the applicant was notified by the United States Coast Guard Security Center that they were denied a security clearance because they did not intend to relinquish their dual citizenship status and their foreign/offshore accounts.

The Board deliberated and found no issues with propriety in the case.

The Board did find issues with equity in this case. On the equity standard, the Board referred to Part 51.8(b) Title 33 of the CFR, the applicant's capability to serve. The Board reviewed the applicant's statement and their military service record and determined the material to be relevant. The Board discussed if there was sufficient evidence that established the quality of the applicant's service and the RE Code received was justifiable. Despite the circumstance that led to their discharge, the Board does recommend an upgrade.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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.