

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2018-022

**Discharge Issued**

**Character:** Bad Conduct Discharge

**Narrative Reason:** Court Martial

**SPD/RE Code:** JJD / RE4

**Authority of Discharge:** COMDTINST M1000.6A Art 12-B-19

**Date of Separation:** 2005-02-17

**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 Bad Conduct due to violation of the Coast Guard's drug policy. The applicant disclosed that they are now disabled and suffers from bi-polarism. The Board sought out any medical evidence to support these statements, however, no documentation was able to be obtained. Therefore, the claim was only supported by the former member's statement that their conditions caused them to use the substances. Ultimately, the applicant blames Coast Guard Medical Staff for prescribing them Oxycodone and Hydrocodone constantly which led to their dependency on the drugs.

The applicant was tried at a Court Martial and confined for 5 months. Thereafter, the applicant was properly notified of the intent to discharge at the conclusion of the sentence.

The Board reviewed the applicant's statement on the application along with their PDR, DD-214 and the Court Martial Proceedings. The Board discussed and agreed that without any medical documentation to support the claims of disability and bi-polarism those variables could not be taken into account to support any inequity or impropriety associated with the discharged that was received. The Board also discussed the SPD Code that was issued and verified that it was proper.

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 Bad Conduct 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 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.