

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD

Docket Number: 2020-024

**Discharge Issued**

**Character:** Honorable

**Narrative Reason:** Alcohol Rehabilitation Failure

**SPD/RE Code:** JPD / RE4

**Authority of Discharge:** COMDTINST M1000.4 Article .B.15

**Date of Separation:** 2012-03-22

**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 unsuitability owing to alcohol rehabilitation failure.

The applicant self-referred to a medical facility where they were diagnosed as “alcohol dependent” and recommended for inpatient treatment. The applicant refused the treatment had been recommended by the medical authority. The applicant signed a CG-3307 acknowledging their refusal for treatment and recognizing that refusing treatment would waive all rights to future benefits under the Department of Veteran Affairs.

The applicant was processed for discharge for unsuitability owing to alcohol rehabilitation failure in accordance with COMDTINST M1000.4 Article 1.B.15. They were advised of the intent to discharge in a memo. The applicant waived their right to submit a statement, did not object to discharge, and did not request consideration for the Commandant’s Second Chance Program. Commander, CG-PSC concurred with the recommendation for discharge, noting the refusal for treatment. The applicant ultimately received an Honorable discharge with a narrative reason of Alcohol Rehabilitation Failure, an SPD code of JPD, and a reentry code of RE4.

The Board finds that the applicant’s claim of inequity that their narrative reason was based on a false assumption from one isolated incident is without merit. The applicant self-referred to a primary care medical facility due to concerns regarding alcohol abuse. A medical record shows that a competent medical authority diagnosed the applicant with a substance abuse disorder and recommended inpatient treatment in order to treat the condition. The applicant refused the recommended treatment as documented in a CG-3307. The applicant signed the memo, acknowledging the refusal for treatment. The Board reviewed the applicant’s record and evidence submitted, along with the regulations under which the applicant was discharged and found that a narrative reason of Alcohol Rehabilitation Failure is fairly justified for members found to have refused treatment for a substance abuse disorder and were subsequently separated in accordance with COMDTINST M1000.4 Article 1.B.15.

The applicant’s claim of impropriety that no treatment was ever offered relating to alcohol rehabilitation is erroneous. As stated above, the applicant was offered treatment following their diagnosis. The applicant refused treatment as documented in a CG-3307. The applicant was advised of the command’s intent to discharge following their refusal. The Board examined the applicant’s separation under COMDTINST M1000.4 Article 1.B.15 and found no errors of fact, law, discretion, or procedure. The applicant was properly awarded a narrative reason of Alcohol Rehabilitation Failure in accordance with COMDTINST M1000.4 Article 1.B.15(b)(5).

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board members thoroughly reviewed the applicant’s record of service and all available

documentation. The Board deemed that the applicant's narrative reason is appropriate and should not be changed. The applicant has not substantiated any error or inequity.

Propriety: Discharge was proper.

Equity: Discharge was equitable.

Board Conclusion: The Board voted 4-0 for 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.