



**DRB DIGEST/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
DRB DOCKET 2013-014**

NAME	E3
CURRENT DD-214	Honorable, COMDTINST M1000.6A,, JNC, Unacceptable Conduct, RE4
RELIEF REQUESTED	Upgrade RE code, SPD code, Narrative Reason for Separation
RELIEF GRANTED BY DRB	RE-3G, Adjustment Disorder, SPD code to JFY
ADMIN CORRECTIONS	None

TIS	0 yr, 6 months, 22 days
Policy Implications	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The applicant was discharged for unacceptable conduct with an SPD code of JNC that stemmed from the inability to adjust to military life. Following boot camp, the applicant reported to a Coast Guard Station and served nearly 5 months before being Discharged. In the short service period, the significant events are:

- Early 2009: Command received a call from the applicant's friend stating they fell asleep on the phone with after taking pain pills. The applicant had been routinely stressed and often called the friend after drinking heavily. Command sent applicant to the clinic for a psychiatric evaluation.
- Spring 2009: Clinic recommended to Discharge the applicant based on the diagnosis of an Adjustment Disorder, the command notified the member of the intent to discharge.
- Spring 2009: The applicant did not object to the discharge and waived the right to an attorney. All documents read that the applicant was to be separated due to an Adjustment Disorder.
- Two months later: Applicant was Discharged from USCG for Unacceptable Conduct.

The Board does note that the applicant told the command and psychiatrist of having suicidal thoughts that traced back to adolescent days. The applicant has no administrative remarks to demonstrate negative conduct within the service record. There is no basis to support unacceptable conduct as the narrative reason.

Other factors: The applicant had greater than 180 days of service, so the character of service could not be deemed as uncharacterized. In April 2009, the CG released ALCOAST 252/09, which established that members who are not able to adapt to military life will no longer receive such a negative connotation or stigma to be associated with unacceptable conduct. Therefore, a new set of SPD codes was created. The FY series was to be aligned with the new narrative reason of 'Adjustment Disorder.' In this case, the applicant should be awarded an SPD code of JFY and a RE-3G reentry code. This disqualifying factor with the reentry code is defined as: Condition (Not a Physical Disability) interfering with performance of duty.

The Board voted 5-0 to recommend relief on the following items:

Narrative Reason: Adjustment Disorder

SPD code: JFY

RE code: RE-3G

The applicant's character of service and separation authority stand as issued.

Final Adjudication by Assistant Commandant For Human Resources: Concurs and approves the Board's findings. Relief is granted.