



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

REC  
Docket No: 06566-10  
16 March 2011



Dear Mr. Sistrunk:

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 16 March 2011. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy on 14 August 1990, and began a period of active duty service. During your enlistment, you were convicted by civil authorities of driving under the influence of alcohol. On 8 November 1993, you were convicted by a special court-martial (SPCM) of being in an unauthorized absence (UA) status for 151 days. You were sentenced to forfeitures of \$300, reduction in pay grade, and confinement at hard labor for 100 days. On 11 January 1994, administrative separation action was initiated by reason of misconduct. You waived your rights to consult counsel, submit a statement or have your case heard by an administrative discharge board (ADB). On 13 January 1994, your commanding officer forwarded his recommendation that you be discharged under other than honorable conditions (OTH) by reason of misconduct. On 24 January 1994, the discharge authority directed an OTH discharge by reason of misconduct. On 1 February 1994, you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth, and overall record of service. Nevertheless, the Board found that

these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge, given your record of civil conviction and one conviction by a SPCM of misconduct. The Board noted that you waived your right to an ADB, your best opportunity for retention or a more favorable characterization of service. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,



W. DEAN PFENIFFER  
Executive Director