



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

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Docket No: 438-01  
10 January 2002

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments  
(2) NPC memorandum 1780 Pers 604 of 3 April 2001  
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that the applicable naval record be corrected to show that he was converted from the Vietnam Era GI Bill (VEGIB) Program to the MGIB Program on 1 January 1990..
2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Milner, Ms. McCormick, and Ms. Gilbert, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 8 January 2002 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.
3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:
  - a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.
  - b. In correspondence attached as enclosure (2), the office having cognizance over the subject matter addressed in Petitioner's application has commented to the effect that the request has merit and warrants favorable action.

#### CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of the contents of enclosure (2), the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action.

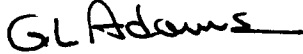
RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner's naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that he was automatically converted from the VEGIB Program to the MGIB Program (he met all the requirements and the conversion is at no cost to the member, and further corrected to show that the \$1,200.00 he paid into the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) with the intention to convert to the MGIB Program be refunded to him. His MGIB Eligibility exists, free of charge, from 1 January 1990 by virtue of his conversion to the MGIB Program from the VEGIB Program ( Title 38, United States Code, Chapter 30).

a. That a copy of this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.


4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) it is certified that quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Recorder

  
G. L. ADAMS  
Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

10 January 2002

  
W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director