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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

Via: Assistant for BCNR Matters (PERS-31C)

Subj: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ICO  
Ref: (a) CNPC memo 5420 PERS-31C of 16 Jan 08  
(b) Title 38, United States Code, Chapter 32  
(c) Veterans Improvement Act of 1996 (PL 104-275)  
(d) Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Pt 106-419)

1. The following is provided in response to reference (a)

a. Per reference (b), the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) was available to members who entered the military for the first time between 1 January 1977 and 30 June 1985. It was closed to new enrollments on 30 June 1985, but reopened for five months from 28 October 1986 to 31 March 1987. Notification of the open period and final closure of VEAP was given widest dissemination.

b. DD Form 2057, Contributory Education Assistance Program Statement of Understanding, had two parts. Part I informed the prospective member that they were eligible to participate in VEAP and briefly described the requirements of the program. signed this portion on 4 September 1984. Part II was to be completed during reception station processing or at the member's first duty station. In completing this portion, member's documented their decision to either (1) voluntarily participate in VEAP and how much they intended to contribute monthly, or (2) not participate with the understanding they could enroll in the program any time during their service on active duty. Part II of the DD Form 2057 submitted by was not completed. Only those members who elected to enroll in VEAP and had their disbursing office start an allotment to a VEAP account are considered participants. Members who did not elect to participate in VEAP upon initial entry had a second opportunity during the VEAP open period. could have become a VEAP participant at this time, but he did not. If members did not participate by the close of the open period, they lost the opportunity to do so because Congress closed the program for the last time on 31 March 1987.

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