



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 933-22
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED], USN RET
XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) NAVADMIN 203/09
(c) BUPERSNOTE 1780 of 7 Apr 10
(d) Title 38 U.S.C. Chapter 33

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his naval record be corrected to establish eligibility to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill¹ education benefits to eligible dependent daughter.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 23 February 2022 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, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, 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, found that, before applying to this Board, he exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:

a. In accordance with reference (b), the option to transfer a Service member's unused education benefits to an eligible dependent did not require an additional service obligation for those eligible for retirement on 1 August 2009. Subsequently, reference (c) updated the policy to require all officers to have a NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks, prepared by their command in the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System Electronic Service Record, agreeing to serve the required additional years of service prior to initiating their electronic transfer election.

b. Petitioner's Active Duty Service Date is 17 June 1980.

¹ The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Post-9/11 GI Bill, Public Law 110-252) was signed into law on 30 June 2008 and became effective on 1 August 2009. The bill provides financial support for education and housing for service members with at least 90 days of service on or after 11 September 2001. The act also includes provision for qualifying service members to transfer education benefits to their eligible dependents. General descriptions of the essential components of the law were widely available beginning in summer 2008 but specific implementing guidance was not published until summer 2009.

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- c. Petitioner's daughter was born on 3 June 2003.
- d. Petitioner transferred to the Retired List effective 1 July 2020.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action. Petitioner met the basic eligibility criteria to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits but failed to complete the administrative requirements outline in reference (b). Although Petitioner did not complete the appropriate administrative requirements, the Board concluded that had he received proper counseling, he would have been able to transfer unused education benefits to his daughter without incurring an additional service obligation from 1 August 2009 through 31 July 2013. Moreover, the Board determined Petitioner completed more than 10 years of active duty service after the inception of the ability to transfer education benefits (TEB), thereby meeting the spirit and intent of reference (d). Therefore, the Board felt, under these circumstances, relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner's naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that:

Petitioner elected to transfer unused education benefits to [REDACTED]/36-months through the MilConnect TEB portal on 1 August 2009.

Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-314) reviewed Petitioner's TEB application and it was approved on 1 August 2009 without an additional service obligation.

A copy of this Report of Proceedings will be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

- 4. It is certified that a 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.
- 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 the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

3/17/2022

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Deputy Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]