



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 3064-22
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,
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) NAVADMIN 203/09
(c) BUPERSNOTE 1780
(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 Bill education benefits¹ to eligible dependent son.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 11 May 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. Petitioner's Active Duty Service Date was 25 May 1994.

b. Petitioner submitted two transfer of education benefits (TEB) applications prior to retirement; 1 December 2009, and 14 April 2016. The Service rejected both applications indicating Petitioner "had not committed to the required additional service time." Petitioner's

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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Electronic Service Record does not reflect the required NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks.

c. Petitioner transferred to the Retired List effective 1 April 2016.

d. Petitioner submitted two TEB applications after retirement; 13 May 2016, and 16 May 2016. The Service rejected both applications indicating Petitioner “had not committed to the required additional service time.”

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 benefits to his eligible dependent, but failed to complete the required administrative process outlined in references (b) and (c)². Although Petitioner did not complete the proper administrative requirements, the Board determined his attempts to TEB and over 6 years of service after the ability to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits, met the spirit and intent of the 4-year additional service obligation outlined in reference (d). Therefore, the Board felt under these circumstances, partial relief if warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner, in coordination with his command completed the required NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks on 1 December 2009, and submitted it to Commander, Navy Personnel Command for inclusion in the Petitioner’s Official Military Personnel File.

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

Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-314) reviewed Petitioner’s TEB application and it was approved on 1 December 2009 with a 4-year 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.

² In accordance with references (b) and (c), the option to transfer a Service member’s unused education benefits to an eligible dependent required a 4-year additional service obligation at the time of election for those eligible to retire on or after 1 August 2012. Additionally, all officers were required to have a NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks, prepared by their command in the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System Electronic Service Record (ESR), agreeing to serve the required additional years of service prior to initiating their electronic transfer election. Furthermore, the policy directed members to periodically check the status of their application; a denied transfer of education benefits (TEB) application required members to take corrective action and reapply with a new service obligation end date.

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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.

5/27/2022

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Deputy Director

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