



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 4149-22  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552  
(b) Title 38 U.S.C. Chp 33  
(c) BUPERSNOTE 1780  
(d) NAVADMIN 236/18

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 benefits to his eligible dependent son.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 15 June 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. 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.

b. In accordance with reference (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

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time of election. Additionally, enlisted personnel were required to have sufficient time on contract to meet the additional service requirement 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 member to take corrective action and reapply with a new service obligation end date.

c. Reference (d), updated the TEB process by establishing an online, self-service Statement of Understanding that replaced the NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks effective 1 October 2018.

d. Petitioner's Active Duty Service Date is 23 September 1996.

e. Petitioner reenlisted on 12 November 2007 for a term of 6 years.

f. Petitioner submitted TEB application on 4 May 2010. The Service rejected the application indicating, Petitioner "needs to contact Service Representative to resolve status."

g. Petitioner reenlisted on 15 May 2013 for a term of 6 years and subsequently executed a 15-month extension.

h. Petitioner reenlisted on 16 April 2020 for a term of 2 years and subsequently executed a 5-month extension.

i. On 19 February 2021, Petitioner submitted Fleet Reserve request with an effective date of 1 September 2022 and it was approved.

j. Petitioner submitted TEB application on 24 May 2022. The Service rejected the application indicating, Petitioner "has not committing 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 education benefits but failed to complete the administrative requirements outlined in references (c) and (d). Although Petitioner did not complete the proper administrative requirements, the Board determined he continues to serve on active duty since submitting his initial TEB application on 4 May 2010, thereby meeting the spirit and intent of reference (b), therefore, under these circumstances, relief is warranted.

## RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner elected to allocate unused months of education benefits to [REDACTED]/36 months through the MilConnect TEB portal on 15 May 2013.

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Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-311) reviewed Petitioner's TEB application and it was approved on 15 May 2013 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.

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.

7/8/2022

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Deputy Director

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