



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-00296**

**COUNSEL: NONE**

**HEARING REQUESTED: YES**

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**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

She be allowed to transfer her Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits (TEB) to her eligible dependents.

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

On 1 Dec 15, the applicant retired from active duty, and used her educational benefits to take six classes. However, the applicant has a service connected disability and has been unable to complete any of the classes. The applicant suffers from memory loss that stems from anxiety and PTSD. She is aware that education benefits have to be transferred to dependents while the service member is on active duty. However, she is requesting to transfer her remaining education benefits to her dependent spouse because the decline in her mental health prevents her from using the benefit.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a retired Air Force technical sergeant (E-6).

On 30 Nov 15, according to DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge for Active Duty*, the applicant retired after twenty-years and nine-days of active service.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B and the advisory at Exhibit C.

**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3SA recommends denying the applicants request to transfer education benefits to her dependent. The applicant contends that a service connected disability is preventing her from utilizing her education benefits and is requesting to transfer the remaining benefits to her dependent. Based on documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of error or injustice on the part of the Air Force. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) shows no record the member applied for TEB. Without a request, eligibility for the program could not be established as DAFI 36-2670, Total Force Development (6.11.15.1.1.1.),



cites the date of request as the date on which the appropriate service obligation would be applied. Additionally, in accordance with DoDI 1341.13, Post-9/11 GI Bill [3.3.g.(2)(a)1. and 3.3.h.(3)] and DAFI 36-2670 (6.11.15.8.), all requests for TEB must be submitted via the DMDC TEB web application while serving as a member of the uniformed services.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

## **APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 23 May 23 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

## **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

1. The application was not timely filed. The Board notes the applicant did not file the application within three years of discovering the alleged error or injustice, as required by Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code, and Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*. While the applicant asserts a date of discovery within the three-year limit, the Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is not the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DP3SA and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The Board found DMDC shows no record the applicant applied for TEB prior to separating from active service, and notes the requirement of the uniformed service members to request TEB while in service. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board recommends informing the applicant the application was not timely filed; it would not be in the interest of justice to excuse the delay; and the Board will reconsider the application only upon receipt of relevant evidence not already presented.

## **CERTIFICATION**

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2023-00296 in Executive Session on 3 Oct 23:

[REDACTED] Panel Chair  
[REDACTED] Panel Member  
[REDACTED] Panel Member

All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

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Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 11 Jan 23.  
Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.  
Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SA, w/atchs, dated 9 May 23.  
Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 23 May 23.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

8/31/2025

