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

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-00552

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

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

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

In Oct 18, the applicant submitted an application to transfer education benefits to his dependent. He completed the TEB Statement of Understanding (SOU) and acknowledged the four-year service obligation. In Jan 19, the applicant was notified via email that the TEB SOU required a correction. The applicant, who is in the Air Force Reserve, did not have access to his military email and he never received the notification. After six months, no further attempt was made and the application was rejected. Once again, the applicant did not receive the notification. In Oct 22, the applicant discovered the oversight and applied for TEB again. He intends to serve through the four-year service obligation of Oct 26; however, he is requesting the TEB SOU be backdated to the original request date.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air Force Reserve major (O-4).

On 1 Dec 18, according to AF Form 4406, *Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Educational Benefits Statement of Understanding*, provided by ARPC/DPAT, the applicant acknowledged that he will incur a service obligation of four-years; however, the form shows a Reserve Component service commitment end date of 22 Oct 18.

On 14 Oct 22, according to DAF Form 4406, *Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Educational Benefits Statement of Understanding*, the applicant acknowledged that he will incur a service obligation of four-years to 8 Sep 26.

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

### AIR FORCE EVALUATION

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ARPC/DPAT recommends denying the application because there is no evidence of an error or injustice on the part to the Air Force. The applicant is requesting that his TEB application be backdated to the Oct 18, because he never received an email to correct the date on the TEB SOU. On 14 Oct 18, the applicant submitted a TEB application and on 1 Dec 18, he submitted the TEB SOU. However, on 7 Jan 19, an error was identified on the TEB SOU and a request for correction was emailed to the applicant. On 14 May 19, the application was rejected because the corrected TEB SOU was never received.

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 29 Mar 23 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was timely filed.
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 ARPC/DPAT and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The Board found no evidence the applicant submitted a corrected TEB SOU. However, if the applicant were to provide further proof that he did not have access to his e-mail or never received the notification, the Board would be willing to reconsider his request. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's record.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, 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-2023-00552 in Executive Session on 12 Jun 23:

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, dated 8 Feb 23.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPAT, w/atchs, dated 29 Mar 23.

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Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 12 Apr 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.

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