



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-00695

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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 2017, the applicant met with a representative at the local base education office to transfer education benefits to his dependents. The applicant was advised by the base education office representative to transfer one-month of benefits to his dependents prior to separation or retirement. The applicant recently attempted to transfer one-month of benefits and was denied because he did not have sufficient retainability. The applicant is requesting to transfer his education benefits, because he has nearly completed a Master's degree and will have no need for the benefit.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 17 Aug 17, according to AF Form 901, *Reenlistment Eligibility Annex to DD Form 4*, the applicant answered "no" in Block D. *The reason for this reenlistment is to qualify for transferability of the Post 9/11 GI Bill.*

On 21 Aug 17, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant reenlisted for three-years and twenty-one months.

According to a report pulled from Military Personnel Data System (MilPDS) the applicant's Total Active Federal Military Service Date (TAFMSD) reflects 7 May 02 and a High Year Tenure (HYT) date of 7 May 24. Based on his TAFMSD, the applicant has over 20 years of service and was eligible for the TEB provided he could commit to the four-year military service obligation.

According to a screenshot of the Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST), provided by AFPC/DP3SA, the applicant first applied for the TEB on 13 Feb 23 and the application was rejected on 3 Mar 23.

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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AFPC/DP3SA recommends denying the application, because there is no evidence the applicant applied to transfer education benefits to his dependents in 2017. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) shows no record the applicant applied for TEB in 2017. In addition, his AF Form 901, *Reenlistment Eligibility Annex to DD Form 4*, dated 3 August 2017, Section II (MPS Action), D: *The reason for this reenlistment is to qualify for transferability of the Post-9/11 GI Bill*, is marked “No.” While the DMDC does show the applicant applied for TEB on 13 Feb 23, his request was rejected because his High Year Tenure (HYT) prevented him from completing the required service obligation.

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 12 Apr 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 AFPC/DP3SA and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant’s contentions. The board found no evidence the applicant submitted an application to transfer education benefits to his dependents prior to 13 Feb 23. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant’s records.

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-2023-00695 in Executive Session on 12 Jun 23:

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 7 Mar 23.

Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.

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Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SA, w/atchs, dated 3 Apr 23.

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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