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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-00925

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be allowed to transfer his Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) to his dependents.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He correctly submitted the transfer of benefits in 2010. He received verbal confirmation of the transfer approval from the education office. At no time was it communicated that further action was needed. Over a year later, unbeknownst to him, the request was rejected on 5 April 2011 in MilConnect. No record of notification exists in any system, nor is there documentation on why it was denied. The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) denied his request stating the Air Force did not indicate he had been approved for the TEB program. He further states he is approaching 30 years of service, 14 years of which occurred since the original submission date. He has proven and accounted for the four years of retainability required to transfer benefits.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a currently serving Air Force Reserve (AFR) master sergeant (E-7).

On 19 May 1992, according to DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the applicant entered active duty. On 18 May 1996, the applicant was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the AFR. He served 4 years total active service and was credited with 5 months and 28 days of prior inactive service. The narrative reason for separation reflects "Completion of Required Active Service."

On 14 June 2006, according to DD Form 4/1, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant reentered the AFR for a period of six years in the pay grade of technical sergeant.

On 17 November 2010, according to the Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST) printout, provided by ARPC/DPAT, the applicant applied for TEB. On 6 April 2011, his request was rejected with a Reject Reason Code R, which denotes "Disapproved – SM needs to contact Service Representative to resolve the status."

On 4 March 2012, according to DD Form 4/1, the applicant reentered the AFR for a period of six years in the pay grade of technical sergeant.

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On 8 November 2017, according to DD Form 4/1, the applicant reentered the AFR for a period of six years in the pay grade of master sergeant.

On 11 May 2023, according to DD Form 4/1, the applicant reentered the AFR for a period of six years in the pay grade of master sergeant.

On 4 March 2024, according to the BEAST printout provided by ARPC/DPAT, the applicant reapplied for TEB. On 13 March 2024, his request was approved with an obligation end date of 3 March 2028.

On 11 March 2024, DAF Form 4406, *Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Educational Benefits Statement of Understanding (SOU)*, the applicant acknowledged with the Reserve and Guard Component, he would incur a service obligation of 4-years, and a Selective Reserve Service Commitment (SRSC) would be updated in his records. The Reserve Component date reflects 3 March 2028.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

ARPC/DPAT recommends granting the application. Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts there is evidence of an error or injustice. The member did not obtain proper information from the reviewing authority to act on the TEB denial.

The applicant's myFSS historical records did not show any record of the ARPC Education Services technician providing any notification nor additional context on the TEB denial so the applicant could have taken proper action to remedy the situation.

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 3 June 2024 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 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 substantiates the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.
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 pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show on 17 November 2010, he elected and was approved to transfer his Post-9/11 GI Bill Educational Benefits to his dependents with an obligation end date of 16 November 2014.

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-2024-00925 in Executive Session on 24 September 2024:

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, Panel Member

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All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 10 March 2024.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, ARPC/DPAT, w/atchs, dated 20 May 2024.

Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 3 June 2024.

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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by:

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