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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2024-02208

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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 son.

**APPLICANT’S CONTENTIONS**

He earned Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits during his active-duty service. There was an administrative error by the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) that is preventing his son from using these benefits. His civilian email address was on record with AFPC; however, the Statement of Understanding (SOU) for TEB to his son was sent to his military email address, after he had departed his duty station. As a result, he did not receive the SOU in time to act upon it, which has led to his son being unable to utilize this very important educational benefit that he intended to transfer to him. The mistake of sending the SOU to the wrong email address should not hinder his son from receiving the benefit he is entitled to.

The applicant’s complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a retired Air Force staff sergeant (E-5).

On 29 January 2002, according to DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the applicant entered into the Regular Air Force and on 27 September 2016, he was honorably retired; with a separation code of “SEJ,” a reentry code of “2Q,” and the narrative reason for separation of “Disability, Permanent (Enhanced).” He was credited with 14 years, 7 months, and 29 days of active service for retirement.

On 10 September 2010, 3 November 2010, and 9 June 2015, according to the Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST) print-out, provided by AFPC/DP3SA, the applicant applied for TEB. However, on 6 October 2010, 22 November 2010, and 13 July 2015, his requests were rejected respectively.

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 application. Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of an error or injustice on the part of the

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Air Force. In accordance with (IAW) Air Force Instruction 36-2649, *Voluntary Education Program*, members must secure and agree to serve four (4) additional years (or maximum time allowed if precluded by policy or stature) from the date of application. Additionally, IAW AFI 36-2649, a member must acknowledge verification of all email addresses via the Virtual Military Personnel Flight prior to submitting the TEB application. The applicant did not secure the required retainability within the application period.

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 4 September 2024 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 12 September 2024. In his response, the applicant contended he initially applied for TEB on 10 September 2010 which required a period of retainability through 9 September 2014. A review of his DD Form 214 will confirm that he met this retainability obligation, as he was not medically retired until 27 September 2016. His entitlement to education benefits, including the right to transfer them to his children, was earned through his 14 years, 7 months, and 29 days of faithful service to the United States Air Force.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

1. The application was not timely filed, but it is in the interest of justice to excuse the delay.
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. While the Board notes the recommendation of AFPC/DP3SA against correcting the record, the Board finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. The Board further notes the applicant's three separate requests for TEB, with the initial request submitted on 10 September 2010. While previous applications were deemed ineligible due to the applicant not meeting the retainability requirements within the respective application periods, the Board considers this a procedural oversight rather than a reflection of intent to abandon the transfer request. Lastly, the Board additionally notes the applicant's continued satisfactory service until his medical retirement on 27 September 2016, demonstrates fulfillment of the four-year service obligation necessary for successful transfer of benefits. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to the APPLICANT be corrected to show that on 28 September 2012, he elected and was approved to transfer his Post-9/11 GI Bill Educational Benefits to his dependents with an obligation end date of 27 September 2016.

### **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-2024-02208 in Executive Session on 8 April 2025:

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, dated 19 June 2024.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SA, w/atchs, dated 29 August 2024.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 4 September 2024.

Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, w/atch, dated 12 September 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

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