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

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### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-02328

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

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### 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 received assistance with the TEB process during his deployment in 2010. He designated his oldest son as an eligible dependent to receive benefits. His assistant ensured that the correct number "1" was recorded for the month of TEB allotment. However, he was recently informed that a "0" was mistakenly entered instead of a "1," rendering his son ineligible to receive the remaining benefits of the Post-9/11 GI Bill due to this error.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an honorably discharged Air Force Captain (O-3).

On 5 November 2010, according to the Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST) printout, provided by AFPC/DP3SA, the applicant applied for TEB.

On 22 November 2010, according to the BEAST printout, his request was rejected with a Reject Reason Code R, which denotes "Disapproved – service member needs to contact a service representative to resolve the status."

On 30 June 2014, according to DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the applicant resigned from active duty. He served 10 years, 5 months, and 28 days and credited with 2 months and 5 days of prior inactive service. The narrative reason for separation reflects "Completion of Required Active Service."

On 21 August 2024, according to the BEAST printout, his request was approved with an "Obligation End Date" of 4 November 2014, along with a Reject Reason Code R, which denotes "Disapproved – service member needs to contact a service representative to resolve the status."

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

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**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3SA recommends granting the application. In accordance with Directive-Type Memorandum (DTM) 09-003: *Post 9/11 GI Bill*, and Air Force Instruction 36-2306, Voluntary Education Program, members must agree to serve an additional four (4) years from the date of application and complete the TEB SOU. Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is evidence of an error or injustice on the part of the Air Force. It is reasonable to believe the applicant would have remained in service until 5 November 2014 had the application been approved and the obligation assessed to the personnel record.

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), but has received no response.

**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. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DP3SA and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant’s contentions. The Board notes that the applicant submitted a request for TEB on 5 November 2010, which was subsequently denied without a clear rationale, causing a procedural defect. Although his obligation end date would have been set for 4 November 2014, he separated from active duty on 30 June 2014, approximately four months before fulfilling his obligated service. The Board believes that had the applicant been aware of the requirement to serve an additional four months to qualify for TEB, he would not have forfeited such a significant benefit. 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 APPLICANT be corrected to show on 1 July 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 30 June 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-2024-02328 in Executive Session on 24 April 2025:

- Work-Product** Panel Chair
- Work-Product** Panel Member
- Work-Product** Panel Member

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 26 June 2024.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, AFPC/DP3SA, dated 29 August 2024.

Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 4 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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Associate Director, AFBCMR

Signed by: USAF

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