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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-03014

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) be approved, effective 30 Jan 18.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He initially requested a transfer of educational benefits and signed the statement of understanding (SOU) through the virtual military personnel flight (vMPF) in 2018. Being stationed at a geographically separated unit (GSU) with a vacant or understaffed commander's support staff, he believed the process was complete. Since then, he extended his service indefinitely. Previously, he could adjust the percentage of entitlement for his dependent in MilConnect, but on 7 Mar 24, the submit button was disabled. After serving an additional 6 years, he finds it unjust that he is now unable to provide his daughter with the education she deserves due to an unfortunate administrative oversight. He believes that without guidance it would have been impossible for him to know there was a next step. He has proven he would have completed the requested time in any instance and his daughter deserves for her education to be paid with his service over the last 6 years. She is expected to begin pilot training in Jan 25 and without the ability to transfer education benefits, her dreams of flying and maybe joining the Air Force as a pilot would be unlikely due to the cost.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an active duty Air Force master sergeant (E-7).

On 27 Dec 03, according to DD Form 2366, *Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984 (MGIB)*, the applicant enrolled in the MGIB.

On 12 Jun 17, 14 Jul 17 and 30 Jan 18, according to the Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) history print-out provided by AFPC/DPPSA, the applicant applied for TEB. However, on 13 Jul 17, 17 Aug 17 and 7 Mar 18, the applications were rejected respectively because he failed to secure the required retainability within the application time period.

On 23 Sep 20, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant reenlisted in the Air Force for an unspecified time period not to exceed the applicant's high year tenure (HYT) for the current rank held (18 Dec 25).

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

In accordance with (IAW) AFI 36-2649 AFGM2016-01, *Air Force Voluntary Education Program*, (A13.18.1.1.1, A13.20.1.1., A13.20.1.5., and A13.20.1.6.), members must secure 4 years retainability from the date of application and, complete, and submit the required TEB Statement of Understanding within 30 days of the Initial Notification. myFSS historical records show the member was sent the first Initial Notification on 13 Jun 17. Reminders were sent on 14 Jun 17, 28 Jun 17, 8 Jul 17. The second Initial Notification was sent on 17 Jul 17. Reminders sent on 1 Aug 17 and 11 Aug 17. The final Initial Notification was sent on 31 Jan 18. Reminders were sent on 10 Feb 18 and 2 Mar 18.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPPSA 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 Air Force. The member did not secure the required retainability within the application period. The date of separation on the dates of rejection was 22 Oct 20. He required retainability to 11 Jun 21, 13 Jul 21, and 29 Jan 22, respectively. The applicant reenlisted on 23 Sep 20; outside the application time 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 1 Oct 24 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/DPPSA and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. In accordance with AFI 36-2649 AFGM2016-01, *Air Force Voluntary Education Program* (A13.18.1.1.1, A13.20.1.1., A13.20.1.5., and A13.20.1.6.), members must secure 4 years retainability from the date of application, and complete and submit the required TEB Statement of Understanding within 30 days of the Initial Notification. The applicant received numerous reminders from Jun 17 through Mar 18 about this pending action and reenlisted on 23 Sep 20; outside of the application period. 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-2024-03014 in Executive Session on 10 Apr 25:

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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 19 Aug 24.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, w/atchs, dated 23 Sep 24.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 1 Oct 24.

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: USAF