



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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-03965

Work-Product

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

At no point in his career was he aware that he had Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits. He used his Montgomery GI Bill to pay for college as he went from an enlisted Army member to an Air Force officer. At some point in his Air Force service, he was informed that he could not use both Montgomery GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill. He learned of these benefits during a phone call to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in October 2024. Transferring his benefits will allow him to receive in-state college tuition for his son.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel (O-5).

On 17 February 1998, according to DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the applicant entered active duty with 2 years, 6 months and 7 days total prior active service. On 30 April 2016, the applicant received an honorable character of service. He served 20 years, 8 months and 21 days total active service. His narrative reason for separation reflects "Sufficient Service for Retirement."

On 30 June 2016, according to Special Orders Number **Work-Product**, dated 21 September 2015, the applicant was relieved from active duty and retired effective 1 July 2016 in the grade lieutenant colonel. He served 20 years and 16 days total active service for retirement.

The Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST) print-out provided by AFPC/DPPSA shows no record the applicant applied for TEB.

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

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APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

AFI 36-2649_AFGM2015-01, *Air Force Voluntary Education Program*:

A13.18.1.1.1. Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces (active duty and/or Selected Reserve, NOAA Corps, or PHS) on the date of application and agrees to serve 4 additional years in the Air Force from the date of request, regardless of the number of months transferred.

A13.18.7.1. Time for Transfer. A member approved to transfer entitlement to educational assistance under this section may transfer such entitlement to dependents only while serving as a member of the Armed Forces (RegAF, AFR, or ANG) when the transfer is executed.

A13.18.9. Transfer of Benefits Procedures. All requests and transactions will be completed through the TEB Web application at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/MILCONNECT>. Airmen are responsible for correcting inaccurate information. Airmen may request certification of Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility from the DVA's website prior to requesting to transfer of benefits.

A13.18.9.3. Once certifying officials have approved a request to transfer benefits, Airmen may print a hard copy of the certified TEB request for their personal records. Additional service commitments will be recorded in the appropriate personnel system(s). Additional service commitments resulting from transferring unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits begin on the date of request and are served concurrent with any other additional service commitment in effect at the time of the transfer or incurred at any time after the request to transfer benefits. Transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, in and of itself, will not limit any other reenlistment option or incentive to which a member may be eligible.

A13.20.1.3. Members must submit their TEB application through the MilConnect website (<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect>). NOTE: A member CANNOT submit a TEB request through the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) website. MilConnect is the system of records DoD-wide for TEB actions.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the application. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) shows no record the applicant applied for TEB. Without a request, eligibility for the program could not be established as DoDI 1341.13: Post-9/11 GI Bill, Enclosure 3 [3.a.(1)] and AFI 36-2649_AFGM2015-01, Air Force Voluntary Education Program (A13.18.1.1.1 and A13.18.9.3.) cite the date of request as the date on which the appropriate service obligation would be applied. In accordance with DoDI 1341.13, Enclosure 3 [3.f.(1) and 3.h.] and AFI 36-2649_AFGM2015-01 (A13.18.7.1., A13.18.9., and A13.20.1.3.), all TEB applications must be submitted via the TEB web application while serving as a member of the Armed Forces.

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. DMDC shows no record the applicant applied for TEB.

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 8 April 2025 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. The Board notes, that the applicant provided no evidence that he attempted to transfer his GI Bill benefits to his dependents while serving or that he completed the four-year military service obligation associated with the TEB. 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-2024-03965 in Executive Session on 24 July 2025:

- Work-Product, Panel Chair
- Work-Product, Panel Member
- Work-Product, Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 7 November 2024.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPPSA, w/atchs, dated 1 April 2025.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 8 April 2025.

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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

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