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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-04283

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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

Request policy exception for TEB to dependents, specifically eligibility requiring four years retainability. He voluntarily returned from retirement to active duty (AD) under Voluntary Retired Return to Active Duty (VRRAD) on 15 October 2024 for four years. He desires to transfer 36-months of education benefits even though he applied for TEB at 3 years and 11 months. TEB was a factor in his decision to return to AD from retirement. His application and subsequent appeal were denied by the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) due to the policy technicality. He believes this is unjust and violates the spirit and intent of the benefit.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 10 February 1991, according to DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the applicant entered active duty.

On 31 August 2012, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was relieved from active duty and received an honorable character of service. He served 21 years, 6 months and 21 days total active service. The type of separation reflects "Retirement." The narrative reason for separation reflects "Vol Retirement - Sufficient Service for Retirement."

Special Order **Work-Product**, dated 5 August 2024, provided by the applicant shows the applicant a retired officer was voluntarily ordered to extended active duty in the Air Force in accordance with Title 10 U.S.C. 688 for the period 15 October 2024 to 14 October 2028. The officer will revert to retired status on 15 October 2028.

On 27 November 2024, according to the Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST) print-out, provided by AFPC/DPPSA, the applicant applied for TEB. On 18 December 2024, his application was rejected due to the applicant not committing to the required additional service time. The required retainability is 26 November 2028.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPPSA recommends granting the application. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) records show the applicant applied for TEB on 27 November 2024. The application was rejected on 18 December 2024 because he could not secure the required four years of retainability. He required retainability to 26 November 2028. His date of separation of the date of rejection was 14 October 2028. In accordance with DoDI 1341.13 DAFI 36-3038, Post 9/11 GI Bill, Section 3 [3.3.a.(2) and 3.3.b.(4)], members must be eligible for and agree to serve four additional years from the date of election.

Based on 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. The applicant's inability to apply for TEB prior to 27 November 2024 was outside of his control. Even if the applicant applied on the date arrived at station (21 October 2024), he still could not gain approval as he could not meet the required four-year obligation.

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 21 March 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. While the Board notes the comments of AFPC/DPPSA in favor of granting relief, the Board believes a preponderance of the evidence fails to substantiate the applicant's contention. The Board notes the applicant is unable to obtain the required four years of retainability and he is similarly situated to other members who are unable to obtain retainability. The Board additionally notes the applicant did not provide any evidence nor was there any evidence in his record that shows an error or injustice, that should be corrected, exist. Thus, granting relief would be providing special consideration not afforded to other similarly situated members. 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-2024-04283 in Executive Session on 15 August 2025:

Work-Product, Panel Member
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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 18 December 2024.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, AFPC/DPPSA, dated 18 March 2025.
- Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 21 March 2025.

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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