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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-2025-00552

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

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### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His application to transfer his Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits (TEB) approved on 30 Nov 22 be backdated to 9 Nov 21.

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His request to have his TEB approval coincide with his son's birthday on 9 Nov 21 will more accurately reflect the intent behind his decision to transfer his benefits and will better align with both his family's needs and his ongoing service commitment. He explains that at the time of his son's birth, he was serving as a group commander, but believes he effectively transferred his GI Bill benefits in late November of 2021. This was a decision he made in consultation with his education office and even had detailed instructions from his secretary to transfer his benefits. However, in November of 2022 he learned that the transfer did not take place. He immediately took the steps to complete the transfer and actively sought to have the date adjusted to his originally intended transfer date. He acknowledges there is no formal record of his transfer from 2021, but believes his actions and intentions at that time were fully aligned with transferring his GI Bill benefits to his child immediately following his birth.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air Force colonel (O-6).

On 29 Nov 22, according to DAF Form 4406, *Post-9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Educational Benefits Statement of Understanding*, the applicant agreed that in exchange for a four-year active duty service commitment (ADSC), he would be authorized to transfer his educational benefits to his dependents.

According to Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST) print-out, provided by AFPC/DPPSA, the applicant applied on 28 Nov 22 to transfer his benefits to his dependent and on 30 Nov 22 his application was approved with a service obligation end date of 27 Nov 26.

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/DPPSA 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 Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) shows no record the applicant applied for TEB in 2021. Without a request in 2021, eligibility for the program could not be established as DoDI 1341.13, Incorporating Change (IC) 1, *Post-9/11 GI Bill*, Enclosure 3 [3.a. and 3.a.(1)] and AFI 36-2670 AFGM2020-03, *Total Force Development* [6.11.15.1.1.1. and 6.11.15.1.1.2.], cite the date of request as the date on which the appropriate service obligation would be applied. In accordance with DoDI 1341.13, IC1, Enclosure 3 [3.] and AFI 36-2670 AFGM2020-03 [6.11.15.8.] all requests for TEB must be submitted via the DMDC TEB web application. DMDC shows that the applicant applied for TEB on 28 Nov 22, the application was approved on 30 Nov 22 with a service obligation to 27 Nov 26. To grant the requested relief would be contrary to the criteria established by the following law and/or DoD guidance: 38 U.S.C., Section 3319 and DoD Instruction 1341.13, Enclosure 3.

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 16 Apr 25 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 36-2670, transferability of education benefits is neither an entitlement nor a transition or readjustment benefit and prior to transferring the benefits, a member's eligibility for retention must be determined. As such, the applicant applied for TEB on 28 Nov 22, signed the Statement of Understanding on 29 Nov 22 committing to the four-year service obligation and thus establishing the retention required for TEB approval. The Board notes there is no evidence provided by the applicant or in his record that shows he applied for TEB in November of 2021 and backdating his date of transfer for personal convenience would be contrary to the established procedures. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

## 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.

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## **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-2025-00552 in Executive Session on 18 Jul 25:

*Work-Product* Panel Chair  
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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 14 Jan 25.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPPSA, w/atchs, dated 11 Apr 25.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 16 Apr 25.

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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