



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 8133-24  
Ref: Signature Date

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Dear ██████████,

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 22 January 2025. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

The Board determined that your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined that a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You requested to establish eligibility to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to your eligible dependent children. The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. The Board concluded the ability to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to eligible dependents is a recruiting and retention tool that became effective 1 August 2009 in accordance with Title 38 U.S.C. § 3319. Pursuant to this law, Marine Corps Administration (MARADMIN) messages were published implementing the program. Specifically, MARADMIN 0421/09 outlined eligibility, processing, service obligation, and reference information germane to transferring education benefits to eligible dependents prior to separation. The message stipulated the ability to transfer education benefits (TEB) required a 4-year additional service obligation on active duty and/or the Selected Reserve at the time of election and directed Marines to apply for

transferability of benefits through the TEB web site. MARADMIN 704/13 reiterated the aforementioned requirements and provided additional guidance on TEB.

A review of your record reflects you enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on 27 June 2001 for a term of 8 years of which 4 years was an active duty obligation. On 17 July 2001, you entered active duty, reenlisted on 24 October 2004 for 4 years and on 10 October 2008 for 4 years and 1-month. Thereafter, you extended for an aggregate of 14 months to have sufficient obligated service to executed permanent change of station orders. On 5 May 2014, you signed DD Form 2648, Preseparation Counseling Checklist indicating that counseling occurred less than 89 days from separation due to "Change in career decision." Additionally, by signing this form you acknowledged that you received Preseparation Counseling and understood the transition benefits and services available to assist you in your transition to include Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits. On 9 June 2014, you honorably discharged upon completion of required active service.

The Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of submitting a TEB application into the MilConnect TEB portal, therefore the Board determined a change to your record is not warranted.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

1/30/2025

