



Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] XXX XX [REDACTED] USMC

e. On 12 December 2023, Petitioner submitted transfer of education benefits (TEB) application with less than 4 years remaining on contract and requested to allocate education benefits to [REDACTED]/1-month, [REDACTED]/1-month and [REDACTED]/1-month. The Service rejected the application on 12 December 2023 indicating, “Disapproved-SM [Service Member] needs to contact Service Representative to resolve status.”

## CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting the following corrective action. Petitioner met the basic eligibility criteria to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits but failed to complete the administrative requirements outlined in references (c) and (d).<sup>1</sup> Although Petitioner did not complete the appropriate administrative requirements, the Board concluded that had he received adequate counseling, he would have been able to transfer unused education benefits to eligible dependents upon reenlisting on 25 November 2021. Moreover, the Board determined Petitioner has completed over 4 years of service since reenlisting on 25 November 2021 and continues to serve on active duty, thereby meeting the spirit and intent of reference (b). Therefore, the Board determined that under this circumstance, relief is warranted.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner’s naval record be corrected, where appropriate, to show that:

Petitioner elected to transfer unused education benefits to [REDACTED]/1-month, [REDACTED]/1-month and [REDACTED]/1-month through the MilConnect TEB portal on 25 November 2021.

Petitioner, in coordination with his command completed the required Statement of Understanding on 25 November 2021 and submitted it to Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC) for inclusion in the Petitioner’s Official Military Personnel File.

HQMC reviewed Petitioner’s TEB application, and it was approved on 25 November 2021 with 4-year service obligation.

A copy of this report of proceedings will be filed in Petitioner’s naval record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board’s review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board’s proceedings in the above titled matter.

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<sup>1</sup> The option to transfer a Service member’s unused education benefits to an eligible dependent requires a 4-year additional service obligation at the time of election. Additionally, reference (c) specified that Enlisted Marines had 60 days from the date of TEB web application to incur the required obligated service or the TEB request would be rejected; reference (d) authorized 180 days. Furthermore, the policies direct Marines to periodically check the status of their application; a denied TEB application requires Marines to take corrective action and reapply with a new service obligation end date.

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5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)), and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

2/8/2025

