



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 9629-24  
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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 16 April 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.

You requested to establish eligibility to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to your spouse. 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 guidance implementing the transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits published by Marine Corps Administration (MARADMIN) message 0389/09, released on 29 June 2009, and MARADMIN 0421/09, released on 15 July 2009 with various updates prior to your retirement. These MARADMIN messages outlined eligibility, processing, service obligation, and reference information germane to transferring education benefits to eligible dependents. Specifically, the policy indicated that a family member must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and eligible for DEERS benefits at the time of transfer to receive transferred educational benefits. While the member is in the Armed Forces (active duty and/or Selected Reserve, which does not include retired members), new dependents may be added, entitlements changed or unused entitlement revoked. However, after retirement or separation from the Armed Forces, the veteran may modify or revoke transferred entitlement for existing designated dependents only.

A review of your record reflects that you transferred 18 months of education benefits to your two eldest sons on 14 April 2010. The Service approved your request on 19 February 2011, with an obligation end date of 14 April 2014. After completing your transfer of education benefits (TEB) obligation you transferred to the Fleet Reserve effective 1 September 2017. Thereafter, your third child was born on 11 April 2020, and you married your spouse on 25 April 2021, thereby rendering them both ineligible for unused education benefits. 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,

5/8/2025

