



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 11449-24
Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ICO [REDACTED], USN RET,
XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) Title 38 U.S.C. Chp 33
(c) NAVADMIN 203/09

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his naval record be corrected to establish eligibility to transfer Post-911 GI Bill education benefits to his eligible dependent child.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 30 April 2025 and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, found that, before applying to this Board, he exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:

a. The Post-911 Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Post-911 GI Bill, Public Law 110-252) was signed into law on 30 June 2008 and became effective 1 August 2009. The bill provides financial support for education and housing for service members with at least 90 days of service on or after 11 September 2001. The act also includes provision for qualifying service members to transfer education benefits (TEB) to their eligible dependents. General descriptions of the essential components of the law were widely available beginning in summer 2008, but specific implementing guidance was not published until summer 2009.

b. On 16 January 1990, Petitioner entered active duty.

c. Petitioner reenlisted on 25 May 1993 for 2 years, on 7 August 1996 for 3 years, on 19 November 1999 for 4 years and thereafter extended for an aggregate of 28 months.

d. On 14 February 2004, Petitioner married fourth spouse [REDACTED] and had one child: [REDACTED] born on [REDACTED].

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- e. On 16 January 2006, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years and thereafter extended for 1-month.
- f. On 31 January 2010, Petitioner transferred to Fleet Reserve.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an injustice 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).¹ Although Petitioner did not complete the appropriate administrative requirements, the Board concluded that had he received adequate counseling, he would have submitted his application in the MilConnect TEB portal prior to retiring. Moreover, the Board determined Petitioner did not have a service obligation in accordance with reference (c). Therefore, the Board determined, 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]/35 months through the MilConnect TEB portal on 1 August 2009.

Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-314) reviewed Petitioner's TEB application, and it was approved on 1 August 2009 with no additional 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.
- 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.

5/20/2025

[REDACTED]

¹ The option to transfer a Service member's unused education benefits to an eligible dependent did not require an additional service requirement for those who had an approved retirement date after 1 August 2009 and before 1 July 2010. Additionally, the policy specified Service members who did not require an additional service obligation to TEB should go to the MilConnect TEB portal to complete the online application.