



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 1547-25
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 14 August 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 correction to your DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty to reflect involuntary discharge to establish eligibility to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to your dependents. 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, Navy Administrative (NAVADMIN) messages were published implementing the program. Thereafter, Bureau of Naval Personnel Notice (BUPERSNOTE) 1780 promulgated. These policies outlined eligibility, processing, service obligation, and reference information germane to transferring education benefits to eligible dependents. Specifically, NAVADMIN 203/09 and BUPERSNOTE 1780 stipulated the ability to transfer education benefits (TEB) required a 4-year additional service obligation at the time of election. The policies also provided a provision that indicated if a member with at least 10 years of service on the date of election was prohibited from completing their service obligation as a result of Navy or Department of Defense policy, or federal statute, the obligation would be adjusted to the maximum amount of time allowed by that policy or statute.

A review of your record indicates that you submitted a TEB application on 5 August 2011 with less than 4 years remaining on contract. On 10 August 2011, you were discharged with 9 years, 10 months and 26 days of active duty service, thereby rendering you ineligible for the aforementioned exception to transfer education benefits to your eligible dependents. Therefore, the Board determined a change to your record is not warranted.

The Board noted that you were issued a DD Form 215, Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty reflecting your involuntary separation and receipt of separation pay. If you have additional questions regarding the issuance of the DD Form 215, you may contact the MyNavy Career Center at 833-330-6622 or via email at askmncfct@navy.mil.

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,

9/9/2025

