



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 4664-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

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XXX XX ██████████ USMC

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) Title 38 U.S. Code § 3319
(c) DoDI 1341.13, 25 Oct 22
(d) MARADMIN 027/24, 24 Jan 24

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-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to his eligible dependent children by waiving the service obligation.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████ and ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 8 January 2026 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. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:

- a. In ██████████, Petitioner's dependent child ██████████.] was born.
- b. On 11 June 2007, Petitioner entered active duty.
- c. In September 2007, Petitioner married [██████████].
- d. In ██████████, Petitioner's dependent child [██████████.] was born.

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e. In accordance with reference (b), authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members. Eligible Individuals. An individual referred to in subsection (a) is any member of the Armed Forces who, at the time of the approval of the individual's request to transfer entitlement to educational assistance under this section, has completed at least—(1) six years of service in the armed forces and enters into an agreement to serve at least four more years as a member of the Armed Forces; or (2) the years of service as determined in regulations pursuant to section (k).

f. On 28 October 2011, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years and 8 months with an End of Current Contract (ECC) of 27 June 2016.

g. In May 2012, Petitioner divorced.

h. In July 2012, Petitioner married [REDACTED]. Additionally, Petitioner gained a stepchild [REDACTED] with a birth month and year of August 1995

i. In October 2014, Petitioner divorced.

j. In February 2015, Petitioner married [REDACTED]. Additionally, Petitioner gained two stepchildren: [REDACTED] with a birth month and year of November 2002 and [REDACTED] with a birth month and year of December 2006.

k. In [REDACTED], Petitioner's dependent child [REDACTED] was born.

l. On 8 October 2015, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years and 9 months with an ECC of 7 July 2020.

m. In [REDACTED], Petitioner's dependent child [REDACTED] was born.

n. On 14 September 2019, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years with an ECC of 13 September 2023.

o. In accordance with reference (c), General Eligibility... (4) The member transferring educational benefits must agree to serve 4 additional years in the Military Services, NOAA Corps, or USPHS Corps from the date of election, with no break in active or Selected Reserve service for greater than 24 hours, other than to participate in CIP. This includes the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve Corps of the USPHS Corps. Eligibility does not guarantee approval. Members must be eligible to be retained for 4 years from the date of election and not be precluded, before approval, by either standard Service or DoD policy or statute. Members who have qualified for retirement and who wish to transfer benefits will incur a 4-year additional service obligation.

p. On 16 November 2022, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years with an ECC of 15 November 2026.

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q. In accordance with reference (d), Purpose. Pursuant to WHITE LETTER 1-23 and DODI 1341.13, this MARADMIN provides updated guidance on a quality retention option available to eligible Marines who remain in service.

General. Eligible Marines must use the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) milconnect Web application (hereafter, milconnect) to request, track, and modify TEB-related actions at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect>. 3.a. The date that a request is submitted in milconnect is considered the TEB election date. 3.b. Except as provided in paragraph 4.c, a Marine's TEB-related Service Obligation End-Date (OED) is 4 years from their most recent TEB election date. A Marine whose request was disapproved may submit a new request once the disqualifying factor is remedied. A new request resets the TEB election date and OED.

r. In January 2024, Petitioner divorced.

s. In February 2024, Petitioner married [REDACTED]. Additionally, Petitioner gain a stepchild [REDACTED] with a birth month and year of [REDACTED].

t. On 15 April 2025, Petitioner submitted TEB applications with less than 4 years remaining on contract and requested to allocate one month of education benefits to each eligible dependent child. The Service rejected the application on 17 April 2025, indicating, Disapproved-SM [Service Member] needs to contact Service Representative to resolve status.

u. On 16 October 2025, Marine Corps Total Force System - GI Bill Benefits listed the following information: Basic EDU DED \$100.00. Start Date: 1 July 2007. Stop Date: 30 June 2008. ACCUM Amount: \$1200.00. As of Date: 30 June 2008.

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 reference (d). Although Petitioner did not complete the appropriate administrative requirements, the Board concluded that had he received adequate counseling, there were several reenlistments that Petitioner would have been able to transfer unused education benefits to his eligible dependents. Moreover, the Board determined Petitioner executed a 4-year reenlistment on 16 November 2022 and continues to serve on active duty, thereby meeting the spirit and intent of reference (b). Therefore, the Board determined that under these circumstances, partial relief is warranted.

The part of Petitioner's request for corrective action that exceeds the foregoing is denied; the Board does not have the authority to waive the service requirement in accordance with reference (c).

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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]
[REDACTED]/1-month, [REDACTED]/1-month, and [REDACTED]/1-month through the
MilConnect TEB portal on 16 November 2022.

Petitioner elected to transfer unused education benefits to [REDACTED]/1-month, through the
MilConnect TEB portal on 20 February 2024.

Headquarters United States Marine Corps reviewed Petitioner's TEB application, and it was
approved on 16 November 2022 with a 4-year service obligation.

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's naval record.

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.

1/14/2026

