



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No. 4764-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) Title 38 U.S. Code § 3319
(c) MARADMIN 017/20, 14 Jan 20

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 show Petitioner transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to his eligible dependent spouse only.
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 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).
 - b. On 9 May 2013, Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for 8 years.
 - c. Petitioner was discharged with an honorable character of service and was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 22 September 2013 to 25 November 2013 upon accepting commission or warrant in same branch of service.

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d. On 26 November 2013, Petitioner received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve via the [REDACTED]

e. On 25 September 2014, Petitioner was assigned to a Selected Marine Corps Reserve unit.

f. Petitioner was released from active duty with an honorable character of service and was issued a DD Form 214 for the period of 28 February 2017 to 27 February 2018 upon completion of required service.

g. On 1 May 2020, Petitioner got married ([REDACTED]). Additionally, Petitioner gained a stepchild ([REDACTED]) with a date of birth of 31 March 1986.

h. On 21 September 2020, Petitioner completed 7 years of qualifying service toward non-regular retirement.

i. On 19 September 2021, Petitioner's dependent child ([REDACTED]) was born.

j. Petitioner was released from active duty with an honorable character of service and was issued a DD Form 214 for the period of 28 October 2020 to 30 September 2021 upon completion of required service.

k. The Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST) Education Summary reflects that Petitioner used 15 months of education benefits; last payment was 11 February 2023.

l. On 24 July 2023, Petitioner's dependent child ([REDACTED]) was born.

m. On 22 September 2024, Petitioner completed 11 years of qualifying service in the Marine Corps 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. The Board concluded that 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 (c).¹ Although Petitioner did not complete the

¹ Canceled reference MARADMIN 391/19 and provides guidance specific to the transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill (PGIB) education benefits (TEB) to dependents process. a. Eligibility and administration of the PGIB are the responsibility of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Policies and procedures for utilization of the PGIB and TEB are available at benefits.va.gov/gibill. Eligible Marines. Marines who meet the following four criteria may request to transfer to one or more of their eligible dependents all or a portion of their PGIB education benefit. Applicants should not presume automatic approval of TEB requests, and are responsible to check the status of their TEB request via the DMDC TEB Web application as provided in paragraph 7, below. a. Currently serving on active duty or in the Selected Reserve (SELRES)... d. Be willing and able to complete four (4) additional years of service (active duty or SELRES – with no break in service) from the TEB request date. CMC (MM/RA) will maintain TEB requests in a pending status for a reasonable period (i.e., generally, no more than 150 days) to allow Marines to request to extend or re-enlist, when necessary... Desired retention and extension actions, consistent with current retention policies, are a shared responsibility between the Marine, his or her unit, and CMC (MM/RA). Marines are responsible to track their request to extend or re-enlist; do not assume approval. TEB requests held in a pending status beyond this period, when MM/RA has not authorized a Marine to extend or re-enlist to meet the additional service obligation, will be rejected... A Marine may modify or revoke an approved transfer at any time through the DMDC TEB Web application. A Marine may not change a 0-month transferee designation once separated, retired, or discharged... A Marine may add eligible family members through the DMDC TEB Web application while serving in the Uniformed Services. This action does not incur additional obligated service.

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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 completing 90 days of qualifying active duty. Therefore, the Board determined that under this circumstance, relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

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

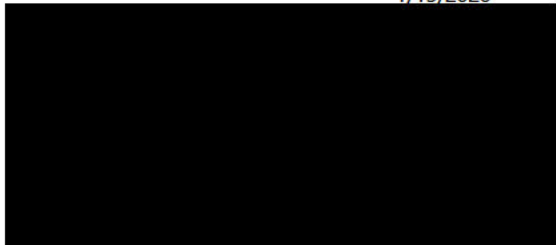
Petitioner elected to transfer unused education benefits to [REDACTED]/21 months through the MilConnect TEB portal on 1 February 2021.

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps reviewed Petitioner's TEB application, and it was approved on 1 February 2021 with a 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.
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.

1/15/2026



A Marine may not designate new transferees once separated, retired, or discharged. A limited exception is provided for upon the death of an originally designated dependent.