



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 4986-25
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ██████████
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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) Title 38 U.S. Code § 3319
(d) 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 dependents effective May 2020.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████ 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. On 7 August 2006, Petitioner entered active duty.

b. On 15 August 2008, Petitioner got married ██████████

c. 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).

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- d. On 8 January 2016, Petitioner's dependent child [REDACTED] was born.
- e. On 18 November 2016, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years with an ECC of 17 November 2020.
- f. On 14 June 2017, Petitioner's dependent child [REDACTED] was born.
- g. On 11 December 2018, Petitioner signed an agreement to extend enlistment for 22 months with an EAS of 17 September 2022 in order to have obligated service to comply with orders to MCC [REDACTED]
- h. In accordance with reference (c), canceled 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. 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.
- i. On 28 May 2020, Petitioner signed a Reenlistment Extension Lateral Move (RELM) Request for a 48 month reenlistment in PMOS 0369. Block 32 (Remarks) states: "...REQUIRED DOCS: 360 GREEN ON GREEN PHOTO / SECURITY CLEARANCE LETTER/ TEB SCREENSHOT / SOU." Petitioner signed a Post 9/11 Educational Benefits Transferability Commitment and Statement of Understanding. Under Comments to HQMC (MMEA), Petitioner was "...Enthusiastically recommended for approval" on 15 July 2020.
- j. On 26 October 2020, Petitioner's TEB application was rejected by the Service indicating, "Disapproved – SM [Service Member] has not committed to the required additional service time."

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k. On 21 July 2021, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years with an ECC of 20 July 2025.

l. On 28 November 2023, Petitioner signed an agreement to extend enlistment for 12 months with an EAS of 20 July 2026 in order to meet obligated service requirements for promotion.

m. On 29 December 2023, Petitioner's TEB application was rejected by the Service indicating, "Disapproved – SM has not committed to the required additional service time."

n. On 16 October 2025, Marine Corps Total Force System – Basic Individual Record (Contract Information) listed the following: DATE OF ENL/ACCEP - 21 July 2021. LENGTH CURR ENL - 4 years. LENGTH CURR EXT - 22 months. NO EXT CURR ENL - 01. TOTAL MONTHS EXT - 22 months.

o. Petitioner has been approved to transfer to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve effective 1 October 2026.

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). The Board determined that Petitioner was not authorized to reenlist in 2020 because he had over 2 years remaining on contract at the time his reenlistment request was submitted, thus ineligible to TEB due to not having sufficient time on contract. However, the Board concluded that had Petitioner received adequate counseling he could have transferred unused education benefits to his dependents upon reenlisting on 21 July 2021. Moreover, the Board found that Petitioner continues to serve and has completed over 4 years of active duty since reenlisting on 21 July 2021, thereby meeting the spirit and intent of reference (b). Therefore, the Board determined that under this circumstance, partial 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]/1-month, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]/1-month and [REDACTED] 1-month on 21 July 2021 via the MilConnect TEB web portal.

Headquarters United States Marine Corps reviewed Petitioner's TEB application, and it was approved on 21 July 2021 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.

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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

