



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No. 5247-25

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
(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 show Petitioner transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to his eligible dependents effective 11 January 2020.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 15 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 September 2006, Petitioner entered active duty.
- b. In December 2009, Petitioner married ██████████ and acquired three stepchildren: ██████████ born in May 2001, ██████████ born in November 2002, and ██████████ born in October 2006.
- c. On 15 December 2009, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years and 9 months with an End of Current Contract (ECC) of 14 September 2014.
- d. On 2 May 2014, Petitioner reenlisted for 2 years with an End of ECC of 1 May 2016 and End of Active Service 1 August 2017.

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- e. On 8 July 2017, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years with an ECC of 7 July 2021.
- f. On 15 January 2020, Petitioner submitted a transfer of education benefits (TEB) application with less than 4 years remaining on contract and requested to allocate education benefits to [REDACTED]/12 months and [REDACTED]/24 months. The Service rejected the application on 16 June 2020 indicating, Disapproved – SM [Service Member] has not committed to the required additional service time.
- g. On 6 January 2021, Petitioner reenlisted for 4 years with an ECC of 5 January 2025.
- h. On 4 December 2023, Petitioner acquired a foster child [REDACTED] born in November 2006.
- i. On 21 July 2024, Petitioner’s spouse passed away.
- j. On 15 May 2024, Petitioner reenlisted for 3 years and 8 months with an ECC of 14 January 2028.
- k. On 29 April 2025, Petitioner submitted a TEB application with less than 4 years remaining on contract and requested to allocate education benefits to [REDACTED]/36 months. The Service rejected the application on 1 May 2025 indicating, Disapproved – SM needs to contact Service Representative to resolve status.
- l. On 5 May 2025, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC) notified Petitioner that the authority to overturn the 2020 TEB submission would be through the BCNR... “I have reviewed your case and identified the following: TEB submission in Milconnect was 20200115. The case was rejected on 20200616 due to not gaining the required (48-month) service obligation from the date of submission which would be 20240114. In accordance with MARADMIN 017/20 the request remains in a "Pending" status generally no greater than 150 days to allow the Marine to extend or reenlist to gain the obligated service. You submitted for reenlistment on 20200825 outside of the policy window. TEB submission in Milconnect was 20250429. As per DODI 1341.13 and Maradmin 027/24, any subsequent request will result in the request and service obligation reset. The new TEB submission service obligation required is 20290428. Due to your Armed Forces Active Duty Base Date of 20260907 your ECFC of 20280907 you are unable to gain the required service obligation. To pursue this option please reach out upon selection to E8 and do not resubmit your request in Milconnect.”

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following partial 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 references (c) and (d). Although Petitioner did not complete the appropriate administrative requirements, the Board concluded that had he received adequate counseling, he would have been able to transfer unused education benefits to his children upon reenlisting on 6 January 2021. Moreover, the Board determined Petitioner continues to serve and has completed over 4 years of active duty since reenlisting on 6 January

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2021, thereby meeting the spirit and intent of reference (b).¹ Therefore, the Board determined under this circumstance, partial relief is warranted.

The part of Petitioner's request for corrective action that exceeds the foregoing is denied in accordance with references (c) and (d).

RECOMMENDATION

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

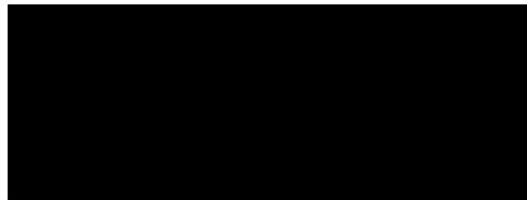
Petitioner elected to transfer unused education benefits to [REDACTED] /1-month, and [REDACTED] /35 months on 6 January 2021 via the MilConnect TEB web portal.

HQMC reviewed Petitioner's TEB application, and it was approved on 6 January 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.

1/28/2026



¹ 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).