



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 5683-25  
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.

Although your application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider your case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 22 January 2026. 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 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 guidance implementing the transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits published by Navy Administration (NAVADMIN) message 187/09, released on 26 June 2009, NAVADMIN 203/09, released on 11 July 2009, and Bureau of Naval Personnel Notice (BUPERSNOTE) 1780 promulgated on 7 April 2010. These policies outlined eligibility, processing, service obligation, and reference information germane to transferring education benefits to eligible dependents. BUPERSNOTE 1780 specified that the ability to transfer entitlement to dependents requires them to be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System and be eligible for identification card benefits. For children, this means the child has not reached age 21, or have not reached age 23 and is enrolled full-time at an institution of higher learning. Additionally, an individual may not add dependents after retirement or separation from the Armed Forces but may modify or revoke at any time, any unused portion of the unused portion of the entitlement transferred to existing designated dependents.

A review of your record shows your first child was born on 26 November 1980 and you married your spouse on 18 June 1986. Subsequently, you had two children born on 25 July 1995 and 9 August 2000 respectively. On 28 December 2009, you submitted a transfer of education benefits (TEB) application and requested to allocate 24 months of education benefits to your second child and 12 months to your spouse. The Service approved your TEB application without a service obligation due to your completion of over 20 years of active duty service at that time. On 31 July 2010, you transferred to the Fleet Reserve. Your Benefits for Education Administrative Service Tool Education Summary reflects that your second child used 24 months of education benefits; last payment was 22 February 2016.

The Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of allocating education benefits to your third child prior to retirement. Moreover, your third child no longer meets the criteria to be an eligible dependent per the aforementioned policy, thereby ineligible to receive transferred education benefits. Therefore, the Board determined that under these circumstances, a change to your record is not warranted.

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,

2/17/2026

