



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No. 6357-25
Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD ██████████ USN RET,
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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. § 1552

(b) Title 38 U.S.C. Chp 33

(c) BUPERSNOTE 1780

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 dependents effective 20 April 2013.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 18 December 2025 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. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, found that, before applying to this Board, he exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. The Board made the following findings:

a. The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Post-9/11 GI Bill, Public Law 110-252) was signed into law on 30 June 2008 and became effective on 1 August 2009. The bill provides financial support for education and housing for service members with at least 90 days of service on or after 11 September 2001. The act also includes provision for qualifying service members to transfer education benefits to their eligible dependents. General descriptions of the essential components of the law were widely available, beginning in summer 2008 but specific implementing guidance was not published until summer 2009.

b. In accordance with reference (c), the option to transfer a Service member's unused education benefits to an eligible dependent required a 4-year additional service obligation at the time of election for those eligible to retire on or after 1 August 2012. Additionally, all officers

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were required to have a NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks (Page 13), prepared by their command in the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS) Electronic Service Record (ESR), agreeing to serve the required additional years of service prior to initiating their electronic transfer election. After, the Page 13 was completed, members were required to complete/submit electronic transfer election using the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) web application.

c. On 19 December 1992, Petitioner accepted an active commission and entered active duty.

d. On 14 February 2005, Petitioner married current spouse [REDACTED] and had two children: [REDACTED] born on 24 July 2007 and [REDACTED] born on 25 February 2009.

e. On 20 April 2013, Petitioner signed "Post 9/11 GI Bill Eligibility (Officers)" Page 13. The Page 13 was uploaded to Petitioner's ESR and verified the same day.

f. On 3 June 2025, Navy Personnel Command responded to Petitioner's inquiry indicating in part, "I have done an audit of NSIPS and the milConnect database and have verified you completed a Page 13 in NSIPS on a 20 April 2013 agreeing to complete four more years of service from the date you request transferability, but there is no history of you ever requesting transferability by submitting a TEB request... Prior to 1 October 2018, the Page 13 was used to document an officer's agreement to serve another 4 years after approval of a TEB request in milConnect and was never the mechanism in which members transferred their benefits. Per law and policy, members have always been required to submit an electronic request via milConnect in order to designate their dependents and allot months of entitlement."

g. On 30 September 2025, Petitioner transferred to the Retired List with 32 years, 9 months and 12 days of active duty service.

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 (c). Although Petitioner did not complete the appropriate administrative requirements, the Board surmised that he would have satisfied the procedural requirements if he had been counseled or better informed regarding the TEB application process. Moreover, the Board concluded that Petitioner completed over 12 years of active duty service after completing the Page 13 on 20 April 2013 before transferring to the Retired List on 30 September 2025, thereby meeting the spirit and intent of reference (b). Therefore, the Board determined that under these circumstances, relief is warranted.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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[REDACTED]

Petitioner elected to transfer unused education benefits to [REDACTED]/1-month, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 18 months and [REDACTED]/17 months through the MilConnect TEB portal on
20 April 2013.

Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-311) reviewed Petitioner's TEB application, and
it was approved on 20 April 2013 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

