



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7063-25
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.

A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 5 March 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.

The Board determined your personal appearance, with or without counsel, would not materially add to their understanding of the issues involved. Therefore, the Board determined a personal appearance was not necessary and considered your case based on the evidence of record.

You requested to establish eligibility to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to your eligible 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 that you have not met the criteria to transfer education benefits. Specifically, Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 21.9520 indicates that an individual may establish eligibility for educational assistance under Title 38 U.S.C., Chapter 33 if he or she serves on qualifying active duty after 10 September 2001, for a minimum of 90 aggregate days, excluding entry level and skills training, and after completion of such service, is released from service characterized as honorable for further service in a reserve component. For the purposes of transferring education benefits, Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) service time will not count towards the aggregate until member aggregates more than 24 months of qualifying active duty service per Title 38 CFR § 21.9641. Qualifying active duty service for Selected Reserve (SELRES) includes orders to active duty from a Reserve Component under 10 U.S.C., sections 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12303(g), 12302 or 12304 in accordance with Title 38 U.S.C § 3301.

In accordance with Military Personnel Manual Article 1780-011, the option to transfer a Service member's unused education benefits to an eligible dependent requires them to have served at least 6 years active duty and/or SELRES service; be eligible per all statutes, Department of Defense, and Service policies to be retained four additional continuous years in the uniformed services; and agrees to serve at least four additional years in the Armed Forces at the time of election. Effective 1 October 2018, enlisted personnel are required to complete the online, self-service Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) Statement of Understanding (SOU) and have sufficient time on contract to meet the additional service requirement prior to initiating their electronic transfer election, but no more than 30 calendar days following execution of a 4-year reenlistment. Moreover, the Service provides members with a message in the MilConnect TEB portal reiterating the requirement to complete the SOU before submitting a TEB application.

A review of your record reflects you completed IADT from 30 May 2018 to 23 October 2018, and transferred to the Navy Reserve in a SELRES status. Thereafter, you executed Active Duty for Training (ADT) orders from 7 August 2022 to 18 August 2022 to attend Navy training course; ADT orders from 2 April 2023 to 14 April 2023; ADT orders from 30 April 2023 to 12 May 2023; ADT order from 4 June 2023 to 30 June 2023 to attend Navy training course; ADT orders from 18 October 2023 to 27 February 2024 to attend Navy training course, and ADT orders from 17 November 2024 to 21 November 2024. You reenlisted for 4 years on 23 February 2025, and submitted TEB application on 26 February 2025 without completing the required SOU. On 7 March 2025, the Service rejected your application indicating, "Disapproved – SM [Service Member] needs to contact Service Representative to resolve status." On 21 May 2025, you completed the required SOU and submitted your second TEB application with less than 4 years remaining on contract. On 22 May 2025, the Service rejected your application, indicating "Disapproved – SM has not committed to the required additional service time." On 29 May 2025, you submitted a third TEB application with less than 4 years remaining on contract, and on 30 May 2025, the Service rejected your application, indicating "Disapproved – SM has not committed to the required additional service time."

The Board determined you completed less than 90 aggregate days of qualifying active duty service, thereby rendering you in-eligible to transfer education benefits at this time. Therefore, the Board determined that a change to your record is not warranted.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

Sincerely,

4/17/2026

[Redacted Signature]

Deputy Director

Signed by:

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