



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 7098-25  
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 February 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 retroactive approval to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits to your eligible dependent son effective 30 January 2017. 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 Administrative (NAVADMIN) message 187/09 released on 26 June 2009 and NAVADMIN 203/09 released on 11 July 2009 published Navy guidance implementing the transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits. Subsequently, Bureau of Naval Personnel Notice 1780 promulgated on 7 April 2010 with several policy updates over the years. These policies outlined eligibility, processing, service obligation, and reference information germane to transferring education benefits to eligible dependents. Specifically, the policies indicate the option to transfer a Service member's unused education benefits to an eligible dependent requires a 4-year additional service obligation at the time of election. Additionally, the policies directed Sailors to complete/submit an electronic transfer election using the MilConnect Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) portal and periodically check the status of their application; a denied TEB application requires members to take corrective action and reapply with a new service obligation end date.

Pursuant to the Department of Defense's reinforcement of TEB as a retention incentive, NAVADMIN 170/18 was promulgated and directed that all members requesting to transfer unused education benefits to eligible dependents meet eligibility requirements to serve four additional years on active duty or in the Selected Reserve from the date of election in the MilConnect TEB portal. NAVADMIN 236/18, updated the TEB process by establishing an online, self-service Statement of Understanding (SOU) that replaced the NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks. Effective 1 October 2018, all Sailors are required to complete the SOU prior to submitting a TEB application.

A review of your record indicates your active duty service date is 22 August 2006. On 30 January 2017, "Transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill Entitlement" NAVPERS 1070/613, Administrative Remarks (Page 13) was uploaded to your electronic service record. The Page 13 specified that you agreed to complete four additional years of service from the date you request to TEB to your dependents. On 28 August 2024, you completed the required SOU and submitted your first and only TEB application as reflected in the MilConnect TEB portal. By completing the SOU, you acknowledged, there are no longer exceptions to the four-year service obligation; officers within four years of statutory limit for their current rank are not eligible to TEB; officers who have twice failed of selection can only be approved if eligible to serve four years in the current rank from date of election in the MilConnect portal. Thereafter, the Service approved your application with an obligation end date of 27 August 2028. On 5 September 2024, in response to your inquiry, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-311) confirmed that prior to 28 August 2024, you had not submitted a TEB application into the MilConnect TEB portal.

The Board could not find, nor did you provide evidence of there being a system malfunction with the MilConnect TEB portal at the time you claimed to have submitted a TEB application that would explain your submission not being captured. Additionally, the Board determined Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, was your first failure to select for promotion to Commander/O-5, you have not submitted a retirement request and you have an opportunity to be promoted during the FY 2027, therefore, you may be able to complete your TEB service obligation of 27 August 2028. 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,

3/4/2026

