



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 7207-25  
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 dependent children. 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 and NAVADMIN 203/09, released on 11 July 2009. Subsequently, Bureau of Naval Personnel Notice 1780 promulgated on 7 April 2010 with several updates thereafter. These policies outlined eligibility, processing, service obligation, and reference information germane to transferring education benefits to eligible dependents. Specifically, 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 for those eligible for

retirement after 1 August 2012. Enlisted personnel are required to have sufficient time on contract to meet the additional service requirement prior to initiating their electronic transfer election. Additionally, the policies direct members to submit transfer of education benefits (TEB) applications into the MilConnect 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.

A review of your record indicates that you were married and had three children prior to your honorable discharge after completing 9 years, 6 months and 20 days of active duty service. The Board could not find, nor did you provided evidence of meeting the eligibility criteria to TEB per the aforementioned policies.

The Board determined that Navy Transferability of Post-9/11 GI Bill policies clearly outlined the requirements and procedures to TEB. Moreover, the Board found your request for corrective action after over 16 years since the inception of the ability to TEB to be untimely. Therefore, the Board determined 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,

3/31/2026

