



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7441-25
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 12 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.

You requested reconsideration of the Board's denial of your request to retroactively transfer unused Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits effective 22 September 2019, via ██████████
██████████ The Board determined that your new evidence consisted of previously approved cases that you contend are identical to your personal errors/misunderstanding of the process.

A review of your record reflects that you submitted transfer of education benefits (TEB) applications on 16 May 2019 and 20 September 2019 via the MilConnect TEB portal. The MilConnect TEB portal specifically provides a warning to Sailors indicating, "YOU MUST be retainable for 4 more years in order to transfer benefits and MUST complete a Statement of Understanding (SOU) in the MyNavy Education website BEFORE submitting your TEB request. Requests from members who have not completed the SOU WILL BE rejected" and provides a link to the required SOU. The warning further directs "All members MUST log back into milConnect to verify status. If rejected resubmit AFTER taking correction action in order to secure an approval. Approvals CANNOT be backdated. THERE ARE NO WAIVERS FOR ANY TEB REQUIREMENT." On 17 May 2019 and 23 September 2019, the Service rejected your applications respectively indicating, "Disapproved – SM [Service Member] has not

committed to the required additional service time.” Although your first application was denied for not meeting the 6-year service requirement, both were denied for not completing the required SOU prior to submitting the TEB applications. You completed the TEB SOU on 16 December 2024 and submitted your third TEB application on 26 December 2024, which the Service approved with an obligation end date of 25 December 2028.

The Board concluded the Service promulgated substantial guidance on completing the required SOU prior to submitting a TEB application via Navy Administrative messages 236/18, 020/19 and 178/19 in addition to the Message from Your Service Component posted in the MilConnect TEB portal. Thereafter, Military Personnel Manual Article 1780-011 was released on 17 May 2022 that incorporated the aforementioned messages.

The Board found your request for corrective action to be untimely. You had the ability to determine the status of your TEB application, which would have prompted you to complete the SOU and resubmit the third TEB application sooner. Therefore, the Board determined that under these circumstances, 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

