



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8001-25
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 26 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 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 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.

Military Personnel Manual Article 1780-011 indicates 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 Selected Reserve 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.

The Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1341.13 specifies that Service members who have not applied for TEB, and who are either on limited duty, or processing through the Disability Evaluation System (DES) in accordance with DoDI 1332.18, or both, must wait until the process is completed before applying to TEB. If found fit and returned to duty, through the DES, the Service member will comply with the standard TEB application procedure.

A review of your record reflects you entered active duty on 9 February 2009. You reenlisted for 6 years on 25 February 2015, extended for an aggregate of 48 months, and thereafter reenlisted for 3 years on 9 September 2024. You completed the required SOU on 18 June 2025 and submitted your first TEB application with less than 4 years remaining on contract. Subsequently, you submitted two additional TEB applications on 25 June 2025 and 30 June 2025, respectively with less than 4 years remaining on contract. The Service rejected the three aforementioned applications, indicating “C Disapproved-SM [Service Member] has not committed to the required additional service time.”

The Board determined you did not meet the eligibility criteria to TEB because you did not have the required service obligation at the time of your elections and your record reflects you have an accounting category code of 355 (temporary duty-awaiting formal medical board processing). Therefore, the Board determined that 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,

4/22/2026
