



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE RD
ARLINGTON, VA 22204

Docket No. 10017-25
Ref: Signature Date

Dear [REDACTED],

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 23 April 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 dependent son, [REDACTED]. 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, Marine Corps guidance implementing the transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits published by Marine Corps Administration (MARADMIN) message 0389/09, released on 29 June 2009, and MARADMIN 0421/09, released on 15 July 2009, with updates prior to your retirement. These MARADMIN messages outlined eligibility, processing, service obligation, and reference information germane to transferring education benefits to eligible dependents. Specifically, all MARADMIN messages indicate the basic criterion to transfer education benefits (TEB) includes having at least six years in the Armed Forces (active duty and/or Selected Reserve) at the time of submitting a TEB application, agreement to serve four additional years in the Armed Forces with no break in service from the date of election, and directed Marines to submit a TEB application in the MilConnect TEB portal.

A review of your record does not reflect evidence that you utilized the MilConnect TEB portal to transfer any of your unused education benefits to your dependents or that you completed a Post-9/11 Education Benefits Transferability Commitment and Statement of Understanding before transferring to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve on 30 April 2013, thereby rendering you ineligible to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits.

The Board determined that Marine Corps 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 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,

5/23/2026

