



The Board determined that you do not meet the eligibility criteria for the "Forever GI Bill" provisions established by Public Law 110-252, Section 3321, and the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017. Section 3321 of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 originally specified that the period during which an individual may use their entitlement generally expires 15 years after the date of their last discharge or release from active duty. Section 112 of the [REDACTED] Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Elimination of Time Limitation for Use of Entitlement) amended this by stating that the 15-year expiration applies to individuals whose last discharge or release from active duty occurred before January 1, 2013. Only those discharged or released on or after January 1, 2013, are eligible for benefits that do not expire.

A review of your record reflects that you entered Officer Candidate School on 20 March 1997 and signed DD Form 2366 (Montgomery GI Bill Act of 1984) on 27 March 1997. By signing this form, you acknowledged the requirement to use the MGIB within 10 years of your release or discharge from active duty. You were discharged to accept a commission on 19 June 1997 and entered active duty the following day. You subsequently resigned your active commission on 31 August 2007, which commenced the 10-year period to use your Chapter 30 benefits. On 1 September 2007, you affiliated with the Navy Reserve, completed 20 years of qualifying service for non-regular retirement on 11 February 2017, and transferred to the Retired Reserve effective 1 July 2017.

According to the Benefits for Education Administrative Services Tool (BEAST), your delimiting date was 1 September 2022. Because your last release from active duty occurred prior to the 1 January 2013 threshold, the Board determined that 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,

5/19/2026

