

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01017
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NOT INDICATED

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

He be allowed to transfer his Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to his dependent.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He accessed the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) website and transferred his Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to his son prior to retirement.

In support of his request, the applicant provides copies of his DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, a personal statement, DVA Certificate of Eligibility, DVA denial claim letter, and other documentation in support of his request.

The applicant's complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

On 31 Mar 11, the applicant retired in the grade of master sergeant. He served 25 years, 2 months and 22 days on active duty.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are contained in the letter prepared by the appropriate office of the Air Force, which is attached at Exhibit B.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

HQ AFPC/DPSIT recommends denial. DPSIT states the member did not provide adequate justification/documentation. On 28 Jan 11, the applicant received pre-separation counseling and indicated on his DD Form 2648, *Pre-separation Counseling Checklist for Active Component (AC) Service Members* that he wanted counseling for educational benefits prior to his retirement. The applicant applied for and received notification from the DVA that his

Post-9/11 benefit was approved. When the applicant switched from the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) to the Post-9/11 he would have noticed the option to transfer to dependent was available by clicking on the link "Official Department of Defense (DoD) Transfer Educational Benefits (TEB) website" it would have led him to the DMDC website link to TEB. The applicant stated that he did go to the DMDC website to sign up for the transfer; however, the Post-9/11 GI Bill block was not checked and the status date and Obligation End Date were blank indicating the applicant was not approved and did not sign a Statement of Understanding (SOU). If the applicant would have sought out personnel in the education office for guidance they would have directed him to the Total Force Service Center where he would have received guidance.

The complete DPSIT evaluation is at Exhibit B.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

By letter dated 16 May 12, the applicant provided a timeline of events that transpired while applying for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the TEB to his son.

The applicant's response is at Exhibit D.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
 2. The application was timely filed.
 3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of an error or injustice. While the timeline provided by the applicant is noted, we do not find the information presented sufficiently persuasive to override the rationale provided by the Air Force office of primary responsibility (OPR). Therefore, we agree with the opinion and recommendation of the Air Force OPR adopt its rationale as the basis for our conclusion the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. While we note the timeline provided by the applicant we do not find his uncorroborated assertion sufficiently persuasive. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.
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THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified that the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of material error or injustice; that the application was denied without a personal appearance; and that the application will only be reconsidered upon the submission of newly discovered relevant evidence not considered with this application.

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR BC-2012-01017 in Executive Session on 13 Sep 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 15 Feb 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Letter, AFPC/DPSIT, dated 17 Apr 12.
- Exhibit C. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 1 May 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, Applicant, dated 16 May 12.

Panel Chair