

Section I: Veteran's Identification Information

1. Veteran/Service member's name

First: Laura
Middle Initial: J
Last: Rodriguez-Wittgenstein

Section II: Traumatic Event(s) Information

9. Traumatic event(s) information

Event 1

Description: Corpsman on medical ship in Da Nang harbor, Vietnam
Location: Stationed on U.S.S. XYZ
Date: Summer of '70

Event 2

Description: Mugged
Location: Back alley in Big Town, USA
Date: June 2007

Event 3

Description: I would be minding my own business and this other soldier would use his rank to force me to do push ups and sit ups and other stuff even when we were off duty.
If I refused the next day would be worse during work hours and he would like to the chain of command that I had done something wrong. He would harass and belittle me. I tried to tell someone but nobody cared, I would just get in more trouble.
Location: Fort Belvoir, VA
Date: June 2007

Event 4

Description: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet..
Location: abcdefghijklmn opqrstuvwxyz1234a bpqrstuvwxyz1234a
Date: Autumn of 1995

Event 5

Description: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.
Location: abcdefghijklmn opqrstuvwxyz1234a bpqrstuvwxyz1234a
Date: Winter of '68

Event 6

Description: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.
Location: abcdefghijklmn opqrstuvwxyz1234a bpqrstuvwxyz1234a
Date: Spring of '72

Event 7

Description: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.
Location: abcdefghijklmn opqrstuvwxyz1234a bpqrstuvwxyz1234a
Date: Summer of '69

Section IV: Treatment Information

13. Treatment information

Treatment facility 1

Facility name: Walter Reed, Bethesda, MD
Treatment date: 02-2014

Treatment facility 2

Facility name: Cedarwood Behavioral Health Center, 4321 Oak Ridge Rd, Maplewood, MN
Treatment date: 2024

Treatment facility 3

Facility name: Silver Oak Recovery Center, 745 Greenfield Avenue, Clearwater, FL
Treatment date: no response

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Treatment date: no response

Section V: Remarks

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REMARKS:

The traumatic event I experienced during my service has had a profound and lasting impact on my mental health. Since the incident, I have struggled with symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression, and anxiety, which have significantly affected my daily life and well-being. After the event, I began to notice intense feelings of fear and helplessness whenever I was reminded of the experience. These flashbacks were frequent and uncontrollable, often triggered by loud noises, crowded places, or even certain smells. The emotional distress caused by these flashbacks would leave me feeling overwhelmed, panicked, and unable to function. At times, it felt as though I was reliving the traumatic experience, and I had difficulty distinguishing the past from the present.

I also developed chronic insomnia. I found it difficult to fall asleep, and when I did manage to sleep, I was frequently awakened by nightmares of the traumatic event. These disturbed nights left me feeling exhausted and unable to perform basic tasks during the day. The lack of rest contributed to a decline in my physical health, as I struggled with fatigue, headaches, and an overall sense of lethargy. Socially, I became increasingly withdrawn. I avoided interactions with friends, family, and even fellow service members, as I felt disconnected and unable to trust anyone. My relationships suffered as I became irritable, short-tempered, and emotionally distant. I found it hard to experience joy or satisfaction in anything, including activities I once enjoyed, such as hobbies and socializing.

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