

## Section I: Veteran's Identification Information

## 1. Veteran/Service member's name

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## 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  
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  
that I had done something wrong. He would harass and belittle me. I tried to tell someone but  
cared, I would just get in more trouble.  
Location: Fort Belvior, VA  
Date: June 2007

*Event 4*

Description: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.  
More lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.  
Location: abcdefghijklmn opqrstuvwxyz1234a bqrstuvwxyz1234a  
Date: Autumn of 1995

*Event 5*

Description: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.  
Location: abcdefghijklmn opqrstuvwxyz1234a bqrstuvwxyz1234a  
Date: Winter of '68

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*Event 6*

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Description: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.  
Location: abcdefghijklmn opqrstuvwxyz1234a bqrstuvwxyz1234a  
Date: Spring of '72

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*Event 7*

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Description: Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.  
Location: abcdefghijklmn opqrstuvwxyz1234a bqrstuvwxyz1234a  
Date: Summer of '69

### Section III: Additional Information Associated with the In-service Traumatic Event(s)

#### 10. Behavioral Changes Following In-service Personal Traumatic Event(s)

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*Behavioral Change 1*

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Description: Request for a change in occupational series or duty assignment  
Additional Information: Following the incident, I sought medical and psychological treatment, which included therapy sessions with a licensed psychologist and regular consultations with my healthcare provider. These professionals have indicated that due to trauma, I am no longer able to perform at my previous capacity. In particular, I struggle with brain fog, concentration, and fatigue, which were not issues prior to the event.

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*Behavioral Change 2*

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Description: Increased/decreased use of over-the-counter medications  
Additional Information: Increased use of over-the-counter medications including pain relievers, sleep aids, and anti-anxiety supplements. Started taking multiple doses of ibuprofen daily for headaches and muscle tension. I began using melatonin and valerian root supplements to help with sleep disturbances. Occasionally took antihistamines during the day to help manage anxiety symptoms. This pattern of self-medication developed gradually over several months following the traumatic event.

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*Behavioral Change 3*

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Description: Changes in eating habits, such as overeating or under eating, or significant changes in weight  
Additional Information: no response

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*Behavioral Change 4*

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Description: Unlisted Additional Behavioral Changes

Additional Information:

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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. Although I was reliving the traumatic experience, and I had difficulty distinguishing the past from the present.

Section IV: Treatment Information

1. Treatment information

Facility name: Walter Reed, Bethesda, MD

Treatment date: 02-2014

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.

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

Treatment date: 2024

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. The trauma I experienced during my service has had a profound and lasting impact on my life, and I struggle to find any joy in the present moment. I've become increasingly isolated, and I often feel like I'm just going through the motions of life. I'm not sure how much longer I can keep this up.

Facility name: Silver Oak Recovery Center, 745 Greenfield Avenue, Clearwater, FL

Treatment date: no response

Since then, I've found fewer and fewer reasons to live. I've lost all interest in the things I once loved, and I struggle to find any joy in the present moment. I've become increasingly isolated, and I often feel like I'm just going through the motions of life. I'm not sure how much longer I can keep this up.

