OMB Control No. 2900-0862 Respondent Burden: 15 minutes Expiration Date: 03/31/2027

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DECISION REVIEW REQUEST: HIGHER-LEVEL REVIEW

INSTRUCTIONS: Before completing this form, read the Privacy Act and Respondent Burden on page 5. Use this form to request a Higher-Level Review of a decision you received. A Higher-Level Review is a new review of an issue(s) previously decided by VA based on the evidence of record at the time of the prior decision. For more information call us toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 (TTY: 711) or contact us online through ASK VA: https://ask.va.gov/VA forms.are available at https://www.va.gov/find-forms/

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SECTION I - VETERAN'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION								
NOTE: You may fill out the form online or by hand. If completed by hand, print the information neatly and legibly, insert one letter per box, and completely fill in each applicable check box to help expedite processing of the form.								
1. VETERAN'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)								
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2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 3. VA FILE NUMBER (If applicable) 4. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)								
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5. VA INSURANCE POLICY NUMBER (If applicable)								
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6. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)								
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State/Province Country US ZIP Code/Postal Code 66002 -								
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7. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)								
5 5 5 - 8 0 0 - 1 1 1 1 1 Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)								
8. E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)								
josie@example.com								
SECTION II - CLAIMANT'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION (If other than veteran)								
9. CLAIMANT'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)								
10. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (If applicable) 11. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) (If applicable)								
12. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)								
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Apt./Unit Number City								
State/Province Country ZIP Code/Postal Code —								
13. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)								
Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)								
14. E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)								
SECTION III - BENEFIT TYPE								
15. SELECT ONLY ONE (If you file for multiple benefit types, you must complete a separate VA Form 20-0996 for each benefit type)								
COMPENSATION LIFE INSURANCE								
PENSION/DIC/SURVIVORS BENEFITS VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT								
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SECTION IV - OPTIONAL INFORMAL CONFERENCE								
16. YOU OR YOUR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MAY REQUEST AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE. (VA will only conduct one informal conference associated with this request for Higher-Level Review.)							vith	
16A. I WOULD LIKE AN OPTIONAL INFORMAL CONFERENCE. I understand I will not be able to discuss or introduce new evidence that was not part of my file at the time of the decision at issue, and that VA may be able to make a decision faster if I do not request an informal conference. By requesting an informal conference, I understand VA may contact me or my representative in an available manner, such as mail, telephone, electronic notice, or by other means to schedule my conference.								
16B. IF YOU SELECTED THE BOX ABOVE, VA will make two attempts to contact you OR your representative to sched PREFERENCE BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOX:	dule the ir	nforma	l confe	erence	e. IND	ICATE	ONE	
Contact the veteran/claimant. If contact will be by phone, contact in the morning hours based on time zone. Contact the veteran/claimant. If contact will be by phone, contact in the afternoon hours based on time zone.								
Contact the representative. If contact will be by phone, contact in the morning hours based on time zone. Contact the representative. If contact will be by phone, contact in the afternoon hours based on time zone.								
17. IF YOU WOULD LIKE VA TO CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE, YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE'S CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW: 17A. REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME (First, Last)								
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17B. REPRESENTATIVE'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)								
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17C. REPRESENTATIVE'S E-MAIL ADDRESS								
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SECTION V - ISSUES FOR HIGHER-LEVEL REVIEV	N			-		-		
18. If you are responding to a Statement of the Case (SOC) or a Supplemental Statement of the Case (SSOC): By submitting this form, you are withdrawing the eligible legacy appeal issue(s) listed in 18A in their entirety, and any associated hearing requests, and opting for the issues to be decided in the modernized review system. You acknowledge you cannot return to the legacy appeals system for the issue(s) withdrawn. IDENTIFY IN ITEM 18A EACH ISSUE DECIDED BY VA FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING A HIGHER-LEVEL REVIEW. Refer to your decision notification letter(s) for your issue(s) VA has previously decided. For each issue, identify the date of VA's most recent decision on the issue in Item 18B. If the space below is insufficient to include the information regarding your issue(s), it is acceptable to indicate that in the space below and attach additional pages to								
this form to complete your request. Include your name and file number on each page attached.								
IMPORTANT: You may only list issues for the benefit type selected in Item 15, Section III.								
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SECTION V - ISSUES FOR HIGHER-LEVEL REVIEW (Continued)						
18A. SPECIFIC ISSUE(S) OF DISAGREEMENT (REQUIRED)	18B. DATE OF VA DECISION NOTIFICATION LETTER (REQUIRED)					
SECTION VI - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE						
NOTE: This section is MANDATORY and completion is required to process your claim unless accompar <i>Certification</i> or Section VII is completed.	nied by VA Form 21-0972, Alternate Signer					
I CERTIFY that the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.						
19A. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN OR CLAIMANT Jäñe ø Doé	19B. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)					
- Signed by digital authentication to api.va.gov	0 2 - 0 3 - 2 0 2 1					
SECTION VII - AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE						
I CERTIFY that the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.						
NOTE : A representative's signature will not be accepted unless at the time of submission of this request a Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative, or VA Form 21-22a, Appointment of Individual National Service Organization as Claimant's Representative, or VA Form 21-22a, Appointment of Individual National Service Organization as Claimant's Representative, or VA Form 21-22a, Appointment of Individual National Na						
the appropriate representative is of record with VA or included with this application.						
20A. NAME OF VA AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (First, Last)						
20B. SIGNATURE OF VA AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	20C. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)					
PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include a fine, imprisonment, or both, for the willful material fact, knowing it to be false.	submission of any statement or evidence of a					
PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what h	has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1074					

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RESPONDENT BURDEN: An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control Number. The OMB control number for this project is 2900-0862, and it expires 03/31/2027. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per respondent, per year, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden to VA Reports Clearance Officer at VACOPaperworkReduAct@VA.gov. Please refer to OMB Control No. 2900-0862 in any correspondence. Do not send your completed VA Form 20-0996 to this email address.

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