

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

No. 18-0107

JOHN R. RATZER, APPELLANT,

V.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, APPELLEE.

Before DAVIS, *Chief Judge*, and PIETSCH and ALLEN, *Judges*.

ORDER

*Note: Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 30(a),
this action may not be cited as precedent.*

The appellant, John R. Ratzer, appeals through counsel an October 24, 2017, Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) decision that denied earlier effective dates for service connection for a blood disorder and alcoholic liver cirrhosis and failed to consider whether a Notice of Disagreement had been filed with respect to a PTSD claim. On June 20, 2019, the case was submitted to a panel of the Court and oral argument was held on October 2, 2019.¹ Following oral argument, the panel held submission of the case for decision until October 17, 2019, for the parties to conference.

On October 16, 2019, the parties filed a joint motion to terminate the appeal, along with a stipulated agreement. In the stipulated agreement, the parties agree to a November 18, 2008, effective date for the awards of service connection for a blood disorder, alcoholic liver cirrhosis, and PTSD. The Court will grant the parties' motion.

Based on the parties' implicit waiver of their appellate rights, under Rule 41(b) of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure this order will serve as mandate of the Court.²

It is

ORDERED that the parties' joint motion to terminate the appeal is GRANTED. It is further

ORDERED that this order is the mandate of the Court.

DATED: October 25, 2019

PER CURIAM.

¹ The oral argument was held at the UIC John Marshall Law School. The Court thanks the law school for its hospitality.

² See *Bly v. Shulkin*, 883 F.3d 1374, 1377 (Fed. Cir. 2018).

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