

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS  
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APPELLANT'S INFORMAL BRIEF

Docket No: 19-5734

Andre Cormier,

Appellant,

v.

Robert L. Wilkie,  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Appellee.

Type or legibly write your answers to each question. If the Court cannot read your handwriting, your brief may be returned to you.

1. If there is more than one issue listed on the first page of the Board decision, which issue(s) are you appealing?

*Please note that if you choose not to list an issue here, the Court might not review that issue.*

*I am appealing their decision to NOT grant me benefits that were NOT given to me had my dad been admitted to VA hospital before he had to admitted to local hospital. I requested this on 12/28/16. He died on Jan 10, 2017 less than 2 weeks.*  
Questions 2-6 ask you for information regarding the issues you believe were incorrectly decided (after) by the Board.

2. For each issue you listed in Question 1, did the Board incorrectly state any facts?

Yes \_\_\_ No ☒

If yes, what are the correct facts? Please list the page number(s) from the Record Before the Agency (RBA) that support your argument.

3. Are there any documents in the Record Before the Agency (RBA) that support your claim(s)?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what are those documents? Please list the page number(s) in the RBA where they can be found and explain why you think they support your claim.

I have already submitted all documents for my claim. You can check VA Lowell records yourself to prove that I did have him seen by his doctor 12/28/16 and was told to come back in 4 months for appointment. He should have been admitted immediately.

4. Did VA fail to obtain any documents identified by you or your representative or mentioned in the Record Before the Agency (RBA) when it was gathering evidence for your case?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, list the page number(s) of the RBA that show that these documents exist and explain:

- How each document relates to your claim(s)
- Why each document is important to your case

**The Court cannot consider documents that were not before the Board. Also, please do not attach any pages from the RBA.**

5. To your knowledge, did the Board fail to apply or misapply any law, case, or regulation?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, what is that law, case, or regulation and how should the Board have applied it?

6. Do you think that the Board decision is wrong for any other reason(s)?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what are those reason(s)? Please list the page number(s) from the RBA that support your argument.

To Whom it May Concern,

I feel that I am entitled to a VA benefit of \$2000 because I requested that he be admitted immediately to his VA Hospital less than 2 weeks before he died in a local hospital. He was experiencing breathing problems and should have been admitted immediately to a VA Hospital as requested. I incurred all burial expenses on my own and his VA Life Insurance had expired in 1970. Please read Question 7 Action request. I incurred over \$7000 in expenses and I am on poverty level income myself. Please reconsider as I finally, Questions 7 & 8 ask you for information that will help the Court process your case.

7. What action do you want this Court to take?

Need this benefit amount to be paid. I was care taken care for James before he died.

Dear US Court of Appeals,

The Action I would like this court to take is to grant me (at the time a \$2000<sup>00</sup>) benefit that would have been granted to me if my DAD, James J. Cormier (US WWII veteran) had passed away in a VA Hospital, as I requested from his doctor 12/28/2016, that he be admitted. I next day I called (911) and he was taken to local Hospital where he died on Jan, 10, 2017. Please grant me this benefit. Thank you, Andre

8. If you needed extra pages to answer the questions above, how many extra pages did you attach to this form? NO

Please remember that your brief cannot exceed 30 pages total (including this form). Do not attach any pages from the RBA.

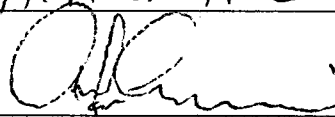
On any attached pages, make sure to include your name and your Court docket number.

Please sign and date this form after you have finished completing it.

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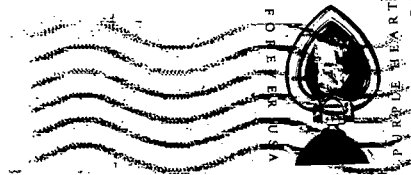


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