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Department of Veterans Affairs

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## STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the Privacy Act and Respondent Burden on Page 2 before completing the form. Complete as much of Section I as possible. The information requested will help process your claim for benefits. If you need any additional room, use the second page.

### SECTION I VETERAN/BENEFICIARY'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

**NOTE:** You will either complete the form online or by hand. Please print the information request in ink, neatly, and legibly to help process the form.

1. VETERAN/BENEFICIARY'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)

Jackson Clinton Killen

2. VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

3. VA FILE NUMBER (if applicable)

4. VETERAN'S DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

5. VETERAN'S SERVICE NUMBER (if applicable)

6. TELEPHONE NUMBER (include Area Code)

7. E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional)

lksteph42@aol.com

8. MAILING ADDRESS (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)

4638 Co Rd 138 Lexington AL 35648

### SECTION II REMARKS

The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran/beneficiary.

I would like to correct the date of the BVA decision to the US Court of Veterans Appeals for the evaluation for skin cancer of bilateral arms, squamous cell skin cancer, and actinic keratosis. This is a continued issue that should be rated at a higher rating. I just had skin cancer removed from my lip at the end of last year. The decision date is May 2, 2019, with the letter date being October 28, 2019. Please do not dismiss my case.

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 FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

Mar 2, 2020

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VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

## SECTION II - REMARKS (Continued)

The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran/beneficiary.

## SECTION III - DECLARATION OF INTENT

I CERTIFY THAT the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

9. SIGNATURE (Sign in ink)

10. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)

03-02-2020

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**PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION:** The VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA Programs and delivery of VA benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/26, Compensation, Pension, Education, and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain or retain benefits. VA uses your SSN to identify your claim file. Providing your SSN will help ensure that your records are properly associated with your claim file. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine maximum benefits under the law. The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

**RESPONDENT BURDEN:** We need this information to obtain evidence in support of your claim for benefits (38 U.S.C. 501(a) and (b)). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 15 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

No. 19-7347

JACKSON C. KILLEN,

APPELLANT,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

APPELLEE.

ORDER

The appellant's Notice of Appeal states that the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) decision on appeal was mailed on October 9, 2019. He makes reference to the evaluation of skin cancer of the bilateral arms, squamous cell skin cancer, and actinic keratosis. The Secretary reports that no final Board decision, issued on or about that date, exists in the appellant's name. As a result, the Secretary, on November 13, 2019, moved to dismiss the instant appeal for lack of jurisdiction. Under the law, this Court may only review final Board decisions which have been decided against a claimant. Additionally, the Secretary has filed a motion to stay proceedings pending action on his motion to dismiss. It is

ORDERED that the Secretary's motion to stay proceedings is granted nunc pro tunc to November 13, 2019. It is further

ORDERED that, within 20 days after the date of this order, the appellant must explain why the Court should not dismiss this appeal. Such an explanation should include a copy of the decision he seeks to appeal. If the appellant fails to do so, the Court may dismiss this appeal without further notice. Proceedings on this appeal are stayed until further order of the Court.

DATED: February 26, 2020

FOR THE COURT:

GREGORY O. BLOCK  
Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Cynthia M. Brandon-Arnold  
Cynthia M. Brandon-Arnold  
Chief Staff Attorney/Deputy Clerk



**BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS**  
FOR THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20038

Date: May 2, 2019

JACKSON C. KILLEN  
4638 County Road 136  
Lexington, AL 35648

Dear Appellant:

*WBT*

The Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) has made a decision in your appeal, and a copy is enclosed.

<i>If your decision contains a</i>	<i>What happens next</i>
Grant	The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will be contacting you regarding the next steps, which may include issuing payment. Please refer to VA Form 4597, which is attached to this decision, for additional options.
Remand	Additional development is needed. VA will be contacting you regarding the next steps.
Denial or Dismissal	Please refer to VA Form 4597, which is attached to this decision, for your options.

If you have any questions, please contact your representative, if you have one, or check the status of your appeal at <http://www.vets.gov>.

Sincerely yours,

*K. Osborne*

K. Osborne  
Deputy Vice Chairman

Enclosures (1)  
CC: The American Legion



**BOARD OF VETERANS' APPEALS**  
**FOR THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

IN THE APPEAL OF  
**JACKSON C. KILLEN**  
REPRESENTED BY  
The American Legion

**[REDACTED]**  
Docket No. 15-25 102  
Advanced on the Docket

DATE: May 2, 2019

**ORDER**

Entitlement to service connection for skin cancer of the bilateral arms is granted.

Entitlement to service connection for squamous cell skin cancer is granted.

Entitlement to service connection for actinic keratosis of the face, arms, and ears is granted.

**REMANDED**

Entitlement to service connection for cancer of the esophagus is remanded.

Entitlement to service connection for cancer of the kidney is remanded.

Entitlement to service connection for cancer of the bladder is remanded.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The most probative evidence of record shows the Veteran's skin cancer of the bilateral arms is etiologically related to napalm exposure in service.
2. The most probative evidence of record shows the Veteran's squamous cell skin cancer is etiologically related to napalm exposure in service.

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3. The most probative evidence of record shows the Veteran's actinic keratosis of the face, arms, and ears is etiologically related to napalm exposure in service.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The criteria for entitlement to service connection for skin cancer of the bilateral arms have been met. 38 U.S.C. §§ 1110, 1112, 1113, 1116, 5107; 38 C.F.R. §§ 3.102, 3.303, 3.304, 3.307, 3.309, 3.310 (2018).
2. The criteria for entitlement to service connection for squamous cell skin cancer have been met. 38 U.S.C. §§ 1110, 1112, 1113, 1116, 5107; 38 C.F.R. §§ 3.102, 3.303, 3.304, 3.307, 3.309, 3.310 (2018).
3. The criteria for entitlement to service connection for actinic keratosis of the face, arms, and ears have been met. 38 U.S.C. §§ 1110, 1112, 1113, 1116, 5107; 38 C.F.R. §§ 3.102, 3.303, 3.304, 3.307, 3.309, 3.310 (2018).

### REASONS AND BASES FOR FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Veteran served on active duty in the United States Army from November 1950 to August 1952.

This case comes before the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) on appeal from rating decisions by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Office (RO) in Montgomery, Alabama.

The Veteran testified at a Board hearing before the undersigned Veterans Law Judge in August 2016. The transcript is of record.

Neither the Veteran nor his representative has raised any issues with the duty to notify or duty to assist. See *Scott v. McDonald*, 789 F.3d 1375, 1381 (Fed. Cir. 2015) (holding that "the Board's obligation to read filings in a liberal manner does not require the Board... to search the record and address procedural arguments

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when the veteran fails to raise them before the Board."); *Dickens v. McDonald*, 814 F.3d 1359, 1361 (Fed. Cir. 2016) (applying *Scott* to a duty to assist argument)..

**Service Connection**

Service connection may be established for disability resulting from diseases or injuries which are clearly present in service or for a disease diagnosed after discharge from service, when all the evidence, including that pertinent to service, establishes that the disease was incurred in service. 38 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1110; 38 C.F.R. § 3.303.

Establishing service connection generally requires medical or, in certain circumstances, lay evidence of (1) a current disability; (2) an in-service incurrence or aggravation of a disease or injury; and (3) a nexus between the claimed in-service disease or injury and the present disability. *Davidson v. Shinseki*, 581 F.3d 1313 (Fed. Cir. 2009). That an injury or disease occurred in service is not enough; there must be chronic disability resulting from that injury or disease. If there is no showing of a resulting chronic condition during service, then a showing of continuity of symptomatology after service is required to support a finding of chronicity. 38 C.F.R. § 3.303(b).

The Federal Circuit has held that continuity of symptomatology under 38 C.F.R. § 3.303(b) applies only to chronic diseases listed in 38 C.F.R. § 3.309. *Walker v. Shinseki*, 708 F.3d 1331, 1338 (2013). Additionally, for veterans who have served 90 days or more of active service during a war period or after December 31, 1946, certain chronic disabilities are presumed to have been incurred in service if manifest to a compensable degree within one year of discharge from service. 38 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1112, 1113, 1137; 38 C.F.R. §§ 3.307, 3.309.

**1. Entitlement to service connection for skin cancer of the bilateral arms, squamous cell skin cancer, and actinic keratosis of the face, arms, and ears**

The Veteran avers that his skin cancer of the bilateral arms, squamous cell skin cancer, and actinic keratosis of the face, arms, and ears, are etiologically related to active duty service. The record confirms the presence of these cancers and of solar

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or actinic keratoses; thus, the first element of service connection, the presence of a current disability, is met in this case for each enumerated disability.

To explore the etiology of the Veteran's skin conditions, the Board has sought medical opinions from expert physicians through the Veteran's Health Administration (VHA). In a May 2017 letter, the first expert whose opinion was sought indicated that "it [was] extremely unlikely that...burns [suffered in service in the 1950s were] related to skin cancers that develop 50 years later," adding that "[g]iven the reported number of actinic keratoses he has, it is highly likely that it was the ultraviolet exposure from the sun he had after he was discharged that accounts for his skin cancers."

Because this first opinion did not address the Veteran's contentions that his skin conditions may have been related either to DDT exposure or napalm exposure, the Board sought a second VHA expert opinion. That opinion was received in June 2018, and confirmed that napalm exposure was at least as likely as not causative for the Veteran's skin conditions, explaining that exposure to benzene-containing napalm is understood to be highly carcinogenic even in the absence of concomitant tissue injury. Based on the Veteran's credible statements concerning the nature of his service and his exposure to such napalm, the Board concedes exposure and finds the June 2018 VHA opinion to constitute the most probative evidence of record on the question of etiology in this case.

Thus, the most probative evidence of record in this case favoring the claim, the Board find entitlement to service connection for skin cancer of the bilateral arms, squamous cell skin cancer, and actinic keratosis of the face, arms, and ears warranted.

### REASONS FOR REMAND

**1. The claims for entitlement to service connection for cancers of the esophagus, kidney, and bladder are remanded.**

Additional development must be completed before these service connection claims can be finally adjudicated. The Veteran avers that during the current appeal



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period, his skin cancer spread to other body tissues, including of the esophagus, kidney, and bladder. The record does not confirm the presence of these cancers during the current appeal period.

On remand, the Veteran must be afforded a VA examination to explore the presence and etiology of any cancer of the esophagus, kidney, and bladder that may be present, or that may have been present during the appeal period, to include any etiological relationship to the Veteran's skin cancers.

The matters are REMANDED for the following action:

1. After obtaining the necessary authorization, update the file with any VA or private treatment records relevant to the Veteran's claims. If any requested records are unavailable, the Veteran should be notified to that effect.

2. Then, schedule the Veteran for a VA examination to explore the etiologies of his cancers of the esophagus, bladder, and kidney. All indicated tests and studies should be conducted and all clinical findings reported in detail. The entire claims file should be made available to and be reviewed by the examiner in conjunction with this request.

Please identify whether the Veteran has cancer of the esophagus, bladder, and/or kidney, or whether he has had diagnoses of these cancers during the current appeal period. For each diagnosis, the examiner should state whether it is at least as likely as not (e.g. at least a 50 percent probability or greater) that the Veteran's cancer is etiologically related to his service-connected melanoma of the bilateral arms or squamous cell skin cancer.

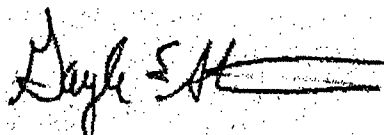
3. Review the opinion and any examination report to ensure that it is in complete compliance with the

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directives of this remand and if not, the AOJ must implement corrective procedures.

4. After completing the requested actions, readjudicate the issues remaining on appeal. If the benefit sought on appeal is not granted, the Veteran and his representative must be furnished a supplemental statement of the case and afforded the appropriate time period for response.



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GAYLE STROMMEN  
Veterans Law Judge  
Board of Veterans' Appeals

ATTORNEY FOR THE BOARD

Z. Sahraie, Associate Counsel

*The Board's decision in this case is binding only with respect to the instant matter decided. This decision is not precedential, and does not establish VA policies or interpretations of general applicability. 38 C.F.R. § 20.1303.*



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Department of Veterans Affairs**  
**Department of Veterans Affairs**

**JACKSON KILLEN**

**VA File Number**  
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**Represented By:**  
**AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Rating Decision**  
**10/09/2019**

**INTRODUCTION**

The records reflect that you are a veteran of the Korean Conflict Era. You served in the Army from November 13, 1950 to August 13, 1952. The Board of Veterans Appeals made their decision on your appeal on May 2, 2019. We have implemented their decision based on the evidence listed below.

**DECISION**

1. Service connection for skin cancer, squamous cell, face associated with herbicide exposure is granted with a 0 percent evaluation effective March 22, 2012.
2. Service connection for actinic keratosis-face/arms/ears is granted with an evaluation of 0 percent effective March 22, 2012.
3. Service connection for skin cancer, bilateral arms is granted with an evaluation of 0 percent effective March 22, 2012.



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### EVIDENCE

- Evidence as delineated by the Board of Veterans Appeals decision dated May 2, 2019
- Review of the claims folder

### REASONS FOR DECISION

#### 1. Service connection for skin cancer, squamous cell, face associated with herbicide exposure.

In accordance with the Board of Veterans appeals decision dated May 2, 2019 service connection may be granted for specific diseases or conditions which are presumed to have been caused by exposure to Agent Orange. Although not shown in service, service connection for skin cancer, squamous cell, face has been granted on the basis of presumption due to Agent Orange exposure. (38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309)

As noted by the Board the most probative evidence of record shows the squamous cell skin cancer is etiologically related to napalm exposure in service. A review of the records notes the treatment with chemotherapy in 2003 with no recurrence of the cancer.

A noncompensable evaluation is assigned from March 22, 2012 the date of receipt of the claim. (38 CFR 3.400)

We have assigned a noncompensable evaluation for your skin cancer, squamous cell, face based on:

- A diagnosed disability with no compensable symptoms. (38 CFR 4.31)

Note: In every instance where the schedule does not provide a zero percent evaluation for a diagnostic code, a zero percent evaluation shall be assigned when the requirements for a compensable evaluation are not met. (38 CFR §4.31)

Higher evaluations may also be warranted based on:

- disfigurement of the head, face, or neck
- scars considered disabling due to limitation of function of the affected part; or,
- painful or unstable scar(s) (38 CFR 4.118)

If a skin malignancy requires therapy that is comparable to that used for systemic malignancies, i.e., systemic chemotherapy, X-ray therapy more extensive than to the skin, or surgery more extensive than wide local excision, a 100-percent evaluation will be assigned from the date of onset of treatment, and will continue, with a mandatory VA examination six months following the completion of such antineoplastic treatment, and any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination will be subject to the provisions of 38 CFR §3.105(e). If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, you will be evaluated on residuals. (38 CFR 4.118)



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A higher evaluation of 100 percent is not warranted for malignant skin neoplasms (other than malignant melanoma) unless the evidence shows:

- Active malignancy; or,
- Undergoing antineoplastic treatment. (Historical 38 CFR 4.118 effective prior to August 13, 2018)

This decision represents a Board of Veterans' Appeals' (BVA) grant that is considered to be a full and final determination of this issue on appeal.

## 2. Service connection for actinic keratosis-face/arms/ears.

In accordance with the Board of Veterans appeals decision dated May 2, 2019 service connection for actinic keratosis-face/arms/ears has been established as directly related to military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304)

As noted by the Board the most probative evidence of record shows the actinic keratosis of the face, arms, and ears is etiologically related to napalm exposure in service. A review of the records does not indicate any further disability as a result of treatment.

A noncompensable evaluation is assigned from March 22, 2012 the date of receipt of your claim.(38 CFR 3.400)

We have assigned a noncompensable evaluation for your actinic keratosis-face/arms/ears based on:

- A diagnosed disability with no compensable symptoms. (38 CFR 4.31)

Note: In every instance where the schedule does not provide a zero percent evaluation for a diagnostic code, a zero percent evaluation shall be assigned when the requirements for a compensable evaluation are not met. {38 CFR §4.31}

Higher evaluations may also be warranted based on:

- disfigurement of the head, face, or neck
- scars considered disabling due to limitation of function of the affected part; or,
- painful or unstable scar(s) (38 CFR 4.118)

Higher evaluations are based on residual disabilities. (38 CFR 4.79)

This is the highest schedular evaluation allowed under the law for benign skin neoplasms. (Historical 38 CFR 4.118 effective prior to August 13, 2018)

This decision represents a Board of Veterans' Appeals' (BVA) grant that is considered to be a full and final determination of this issue on appeal.

## 3. Service connection for skin cancer, bilateral arms.



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In accordance with the evidence as noted by the Board of Veterans appeals decision dated May 2, 2019 service connection for skin cancer, bilateral arms has been established as directly related to military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304)

As noted by the Board the most probative evidence of record shows the skin cancer of the bilateral arms is etiologically related to napalm exposure in service. A review of the medical records denotes no current active cancer since completion of chemotherapy in 2003.

A noncompensable evaluation is assigned from March 22, 2012 the date of receipt of your claim. (38 CFR 3.400)

We have assigned a 0 percent evaluation for your skin cancer, bilateral arms based on:

- A diagnosed disability with no compensable symptoms.

Note: In every instance where the schedule does not provide a zero percent evaluation for a diagnostic code, a zero percent evaluation shall be assigned when the requirements for a compensable evaluation are not met. {38 CFR §4.31}

Higher evaluations may also be warranted based on:

- disfigurement of the head, face, or neck
- scars considered disabling due to limitation of function of the affected part; or,
- painful or unstable scar(s) (38 CFR 4.118)

If a skin malignancy requires therapy that is comparable to that used for systemic malignancies, i.e., systemic chemotherapy, X-ray therapy more extensive than to the skin, or surgery more extensive than wide local excision, a 100-percent evaluation will be assigned from the date of onset of treatment, and will continue, with a mandatory VA examination six months following the completion of such antineoplastic treatment, and any change in evaluation based upon that or any subsequent examination will be subject to the provisions of 38 CFR §3.105(e). If there has been no local recurrence or metastasis, you will be evaluated on residuals. (38 CFR 4.118)

A higher evaluation of 100 percent is not warranted for malignant melanoma unless the evidence shows:

- Active malignancy that requires therapy that is comparable to that used for systemic malignancies; or,
- Undergoing antineoplastic treatment. (Historical 38 CFR 4.118 effective prior to August 13, 2018)

This decision represents a Board of Veterans' Appeals' (BVA) grant that is considered to be a full and final determination of this issue on appeal.

#### REFERENCES:



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Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Pensions, Bonuses and Veterans' Relief contains the regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs which govern entitlement to all veteran benefits. For additional information regarding applicable laws and regulations, please consult your local library, or visit us at our website, [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).





October 28, 2019

JACKSON C KILLEN  
4638 COUNTY ROAD 138  
LEXINGTON AL 35648-3419

The Board of Veterans' Appeals decided your appeal on May 2, 2019.

Dear Jackson Killen:

This letter will guide you through the information you should know and steps you may take now that VA has made a decision about your benefits.

### Your Benefit Information:

- Service connection for skin cancer, squamous cell, face associated with herbicide exposure is granted with a 0 percent evaluation effective March 22, 2012.
- Service connection for skin cancer, bilateral arms is granted with an evaluation of 0 percent effective March 22, 2012.
- Service connection for actinic keratosis-face/arms/ears is granted with an evaluation of 0 percent effective March 22, 2012.

If this decision satisfies your claim and you wish to withdraw all remaining issues associated with this appeal, please sign, date, and submit the attached *Appeals Satisfaction Notice* to the address shown in the **If You Have Questions or Need Assistance** section, below.

Your combined rating evaluation is:

Combined Rating Evaluation	Effective Date
40%	Mar 22, 2012
60%	Jul 31, 2013
80%	Oct 19, 2015
90%	Mar 13, 2017

### We have included with this letter:

1. Explanation of Payment
2. Additional Benefits
3. Where to Send Written Correspondence
4. VA Form 20-0088
5. Rating Decision
6. VA Form 21-8784
7. VA Form 28-1000
8. VA Form 28-8890
9. Appeals Satisfaction Notice

### Contact Information:

Web: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)  
Phone: 1-800-827-1000  
TDD: 711  
To send questions online: visit  
<https://iris.gusthelp.com/>

### Social Media:

Twitter: @VAVetBenefits  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/VeteransBenefits](https://www.facebook.com/VeteransBenefits)

### Your representative:

You appointed AMERICAN LEGION as your accredited representative. They have also received a copy of this letter.

They can help you with any questions you have about your claim.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.





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KILLEN, JACKSON C

### How VA Combines Percentages

If you have more than one condition, VA will combine percentages to determine your overall disability rating. The percentages assigned for each of your conditions may not always add up to your combined rating evaluation. The following website has additional information about how VA combines percentages: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/rates-index.asp#howcalc>.

This award action did not result in a payment change. Your monthly compensation will continue unchanged.

Your monthly entitlement amount is shown below:

Monthly Entitlement Amount	Payment Start Date	Reason
\$622.00	Apr 1, 2012	Original Award
\$631.00	Dec 1, 2012	Cost of Living Adjustment
\$1,120.00	Aug 1, 2013	Compensation Rating Adjustment
\$1,137.01	Dec 1, 2013	Cost of Living Adjustment
\$1,136.39	Jan 1, 2014	Cost of Living Adjustment
\$1,156.09	Dec 1, 2014	Cost of Living Adjustment
\$1,680.48	Nov 1, 2015	Compensation Rating Adjustment
\$1,686.13	Dec 1, 2016	Cost of Living Adjustment
\$3,425.99	Apr 1, 2017	Individual Unemployability Adjustment, Compensation Rating Adjustment, Special Monthly Compensation Adjustment
\$3,494.51	Dec 1, 2017	Cost of Living Adjustment
\$3,592.35	Dec 1, 2018	Cost of Living Adjustment

We are currently paying you as a Veteran with one dependent. *Let us know right away if there is any change in the status of your dependents.*

If payments are due, you should receive your first payment, if not already in receipt of payments, within 7-10 days of this notice.

See **Explanation of Payment** for more details about your payment.



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### Explanation of Payment

Your monthly entitlement amount includes payment for the following dependent(s):

Payment Start Date	Award Dependent(s)
Apr 1, 2012	MARY JO
Dec 1, 2012	MARY JO
Aug 1, 2013	MARY JO
Dec 1, 2013	MARY JO
Jan 1, 2014	MARY JO
Dec 1, 2014	MARY JO
Nov 1, 2015	MARY JO
Dec 1, 2016	MARY JO
Apr 1, 2017	MARY JO
Dec 1, 2017	MARY JO
Dec 1, 2018	MARY JO

Let us know right away if there is any change in the status of your dependent(s).

Your combined evaluation is 30 percent or more disabling; therefore, you may be eligible for additional benefits based on dependency. We may be able to pay you retroactive benefits for your dependents if you submit your dependency claim within a year from the date of this letter. If you wish to notify us of your dependents, please do so through eBenefits, an electronic resource in a self-service environment. Use of these resources often helps us serve you faster! Just visit [www.eBenefits.va.gov](http://www.eBenefits.va.gov) to enroll and submit your dependency information. If you would prefer to submit your request to add your dependents to your award in paper, please complete, sign, and return VA Form 21-686c, *Application Request to Add and/or Remove Dependents*. You can locate the appropriate form(s), please the visit the following website: [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms).

### **Please Take Action: What Things Affect Your Right to Payment?**

Please notify VA *immediately* if there is a change in any condition affecting your right to continued payments. If you don't notify us of these changes immediately, you may have to return any overpayments. Those changes include:

