

# United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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THOMAS H. BUFFINGTON,  
*Claimant-Appellant*

v.

DENIS MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
*Respondent-Appellee*

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2020-1479

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Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for  
Veterans Claims in No. 17-4382, Judge William S.  
Greenberg, Judge Joseph L. Falvey, Jr., Judge Amanda L.  
Meredith.

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## JUDGMENT

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THIS CAUSE having been considered, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

**AFFIRMED**

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

August 6, 2021

/s/ Peter R. Marksteiner  
Peter R. Marksteiner  
Clerk of Court