

# 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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## MANDATE

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In accordance with the judgment of this Court, entered  
August 6, 2021, and pursuant to Rule 41 of the Federal  
Rules of Appellate Procedure, the formal mandate is  
hereby issued.

FOR THE COURT

September 27, 2021

/s/ Peter R. Marksteiner

Peter R. Marksteiner  
Clerk of Court