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United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

THOMAS H. BUFFINGTON,

Claimant-Appellant

 $\mathbf{v}.$

DENIS MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

Respondent-Appellee

2020-1479

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.

MANDATE

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

<u>September 27, 2021</u>

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