For the Claimed Compensation Condition of - POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

ACCEPTABLE CLINICAL EVIDENCE (ACE)

INDICATE METHOD USED TO OBTAIN MEDICAL INFORMATION TO COMPLETE THIS DOCUMENT:

[] Review of available records (without in-person or video telehealth examination) using the Acceptable Clinical Evidence (ACE) process because the existing medical evidence provided sufficient information on which to prepare the DBQ and such an examination will likely provide no additional relevant evidence.

[] Review of available records in conjunction with a telephone interview with the Veteran (without in-person or telehealth examination) using the ACE process because the existing medical evidence supplemented with a telephone interview provided sufficient information on which to prepare the DBQ and such an examination would likely provide no additional relevant evidence.

[] Examination via approved video telehealth

[X] In-person examination

EVIDENCE REVIEW

[] Not requested
[] VA claims file (hard copy paper C-file)
[X] VA e-folder (VBMS or Virtual VA)
[] CPRS
[] Other (please identify other evidence reviewed):

[] No records were reviewed

Evidence comments:

-DD 214
-STATEMENT IN SUPPORT* OF CLAIM FOR SERVICE CONNECTION FOR POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) SECONDARY TO PERSONAL ASSAULT
-EXHIBIT H PCL
-UNCLASSIFIED 1/ FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
The conversation led to the discussion killing MRS XXXXX

SECTION I - DEFINITIONS

Aggravation of preexisting nonservice-connected disabilities. A preexisting injury or disease will be considered to have been aggravated by active military, naval, or air service, where there is an increase in disability during such service, unless there is a specific finding that the increase in disability is due to the natural progress of the disease.

Aggravation of nonservice-connected disabilities. Any increase in severity of a nonservice-connected disease or injury that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, and not due to the natural progress of the nonservice-connected disease, will be service connected.

SECTION II – RESTATEMENT OF REQUESTED OPINION

2A. Insert requested opinion from general remarks:

MEDICAL OPINION 1 OF 2) PLEASE COMPLETE SECTION THREE AND STATE WHETHER THE VETERAN'S MEDICAL RECORDS SUPPORT THAT ANY CURRENTLY DIAGNOSED CONDITION(S) RELATED TO THE VETERAN'S CLAIMED POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, IS/ARE AT LEAST AS LIKELY AS NOT (50 PERCENT OR GREATER PROBABILITY) RELATED TO THE CLAIMED IN-SERVICE STRESSOR(S).

MEDICAL OPINION 2 OF 2) IF ANOTHER MENTAL CONDITION IS DIAGNOSED IN ADDITION TO OR OTHER THAN POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, PLEASE COMPLETE SECTION THREE AND STATE WHETHER THE VETERAN'S MEDICAL RECORDS SUPPORT THAT ANY CURRENTLY DIAGNOSED CONDITION(S) RELATED TO THE VETERAN'S CLAIMED MENTAL CONDITION, IS/ARE AT LEAST AS LIKELY AS NOT (50 PERCENT OR GREATER PROBABILITY) A RESULT OF AN IN-SERVICE STRESSOR RELATED EVENT.

2B. Indicate type of exam for which opinion has been requested *(e.g. skin diseases)*:

DBQ PTSD INITIAL - DSM V

SECTION III – MEDICAL OPINION FOR DIRECT SERVICE CONNECTION

Choose the statement that most closely approximates the etiology of the claimed condition.

3A. [X] The claimed condition was at least as likely as not *(50 percent or greater probability)* incurred in or caused by the claimed in-service injury, event, or illness.

Provide rationale in section c.

3B. [] The claimed condition was less likely than not *(less than 50 percent probability)* incurred in or caused by the claimed in-service injury, event, or illness.

Provide rationale in section c.

3C. Rationale:

MEDICAL OPINION 1 OF 2) THE VETERAN'S MEDICAL RECORDS SUPPORT THAT THE CURRENTLY DIAGNOSED POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, IS AT LEAST AS LIKELY AS NOT (50 PERCENT OR GREATER PROBABILITY) RELATED TO THE CLAIMED IN-SERVICE STRESSOR(S).
-UNCLASSIFIED 1/ FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE 11/29/1995 SUPPORTS HIS CLAIMED STRESS, WHICH PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF HIM WEARING A WIRE TO CAPTURE CONVERSATION WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO KILL SOMEONE.

MEDICAL OPINION 2 OF 2) NO OTHER MENTAL DISORDER.

SECTION IV - MEDICAL OPINION FOR SECONDARY SERVICE CONNECTION

4A. [] The claimed condition is at least as likely as not *(50 percent or greater probability)* proximately due to or the result of the Veteran's service connected condition.

Provide rationale in section c.

4B. [] The claimed condition is less likely than not *(less than 50 percent probability)* proximately due to or the result of the Veteran's service connected condition.

Provide rationale in section c.

4C. Rationale:

SECTION VII - OPINION REGARDING CONFLICTING MEDICAL EVIDENCE

7. I have reviewed the conflicting medical evidence and am providing the following opinion:

Is there a need for the Veteran to follow up with his/her primary care provider regarding any life threatening findings in this examination (not limited to claimed condition(s))?
[] Yes [X] No

SECTION V - MEDICAL OPINION FOR AGGRAVATION OF A CONDITION THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO SERVICE

5A. [] The claimed condition, which clearly and unmistakably existed prior to service, was aggravated beyond its natural progression by an in-service injury, event, or illness.

Provide rationale in section c.

5B. [] The claimed condition, which clearly and unmistakably existed prior to service, was clearly and unmistakably not aggravated beyond its natural progression by an in-service injury, event, or illness.

Provide rationale in section c.

5C. Rationale:

SECTION VI - MEDICAL OPINION FOR AGGRAVATION OF A NONSERVICE CONNECTED CONDITION BY A SERVICE CONNECTED CONDITION

6A. Can you determine a baseline level of severity of *(claimed condition/diagnosis)* based upon medical evidence available prior to aggravation or the earliest medical evidence following aggravation by *(service connected condition)*?
[] Yes [] No

If "Yes" to question 6A, answer the following:

I. Describe the baseline level of severity of *(claimed condition/diagnosis)* based upon medical evidence available prior to aggravation or the earliest medical evidence following aggravation by *(service connected condition)*:

II. Provide the date and nature of the medical evidence used to provide the baseline:

III. Is the current severity of the *(claimed condition/diagnosis)* greater than the baseline?
[] Yes [] No