- Letter from [redacted], received on [redacted]
- Letter from Social Security Administration, dated [redacted], received on [redacted],

## REASONS FOR DECISION

**Evaluation of post traumatic stress disorder with major depressive disorder currently evaluated as 70 percent disabling.**

The evaluation of post traumatic stress disorder with major depressive disorder is continued as 70 percent disabling.

We have assigned a 70 percent evaluation for your post traumatic stress disorder with major depressive disorder based on:
- Forgetting names
- Occupational and social impairment, with deficiencies in most areas, such as work, school, family relations, judgment, thinking, or mood
- Suspiciousness
- Depressed mood
- Suicidal ideation
- Disturbances of motivation and mood
- Mild memory loss
- Forgetting recent events
- Chronic sleep impairment
- Panic attacks more than once a week
- Difficulty in adapting to stressful circumstances
- Neglect of personal appearance and hygiene
- Difficulty in adapting to work
- Inability to establish and maintain effective relationships
- Difficulty in adapting to a worklike setting
- Anxiety
- Difficulty in establishing and maintaining effective work and social relationships
- Forgetting directions

The overall evidentiary record shows that the severity of your disability most closely approximates the criteria for a 70 percent disability evaluation. (38 CFR 4.7, 38 CFR 4.126)

A higher evaluation of 100 percent is not warranted for posttraumatic stress disorder unless the evidence shows total occupational and social impairment, due to such symptoms as:
- gross impairment in thought processes or communication
- persistent delusions or hallucinations
- grossly inappropriate behavior
- persistent danger of hurting self or others
- intermittent inability to perform activities of daily living (including maintenance of minimal personal hygiene)