It is my medical opinion, it is more likely than not, that the patient's syndrome is service connected because of the occurrence of symptoms when he was serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. It is an unexplained brain gut disorder where hypersensitivity with gastrointestinal motor disturbances occur. It is caused by serotonin disregulation, bacterial overgrowth and central disregulation. This abnormal serotonin metabolism causes alterations in brain function and also leads to diarrhea predominant or constipation predominant irritable bowel syndrome. There is no organic cause for this abdominal pain and altered bowel habits.

FIBROMYALGIA:
The patient did logistics security and was dispatched with infantry units. The patient was exposed to nerve gas and insect repellants for four months when he was serving. The patient started experiencing severe myalgias, fever, unusual fatigue, headaches, photo sensitivity, neck and back pain with stiffness in the joints and joint pains, tingling in the feet and numbness in the arms. The patient went to the medic for symptoms and was given symptomatic treatment. After discharge from the service, the patient went to see a chiropractor for symptomatic relief and had massages, acupuncture and physical therapy to help with symptoms temporarily. The patient has been started on Lyrica, Flexeril, Advil and Gabapentin to help with symptoms. The patient had positive tender points all over his body and that is when he was diagnosed with fibromyalgia.

Service Connected Diagnosis:
5025 Fibromyalgia.

Service Connected Disability:
40% 5025 Fibromyalgia.

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