DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
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VA File Number
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Represented By:
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
Rating Decision
07/31/2020

INTRODUCTION

The records reflect that you are a Veteran of the Gulf War Era. You served in the Marine Corps from January [redacted], 2003 to January [redacted], 2008. We received your supplemental claim on May 22, 2020. Based on a review of the evidence listed below, we have made the following decision(s) on your claim.

DECISION

1. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the back (claimed as psoriatic arthritis of lower back/sacroilliac joints) is granted with an evaluation of 20 percent effective November 16, 2018.

2. Service connection for right hip psoriatic arthritis, limitation of adduction (previously rated as chronic right hip strain) is granted with an evaluation of 10 percent effective November 16, 2018.

3. Service connection for right hip psoriatic arthritis, limitation of extension (previously rated as chronic right hip strain) is granted with an evaluation of 0 percent effective November 16, 2018.

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4. Service connection for right hip psoriatic arthritis, limitation of flexion (previously rated as chronic right hip strain) is granted with an evaluation of 0 percent effective November 16, 2018.

5. Evaluation of right ankle psoriatic arthritis with lateral collateral ligament sprain and residuals of fracture (previously rated as right ankle strain and residuals of fracture), which is currently 10 percent disabling, is continued.

6. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of right shoulder (previously evaluated as chronic right shoulder strain) is confirmed and continued.

7. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left shoulder is confirmed and continued.

8. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left ankle is confirmed and continued.

9. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left elbow is confirmed and continued.

10. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the right elbow is confirmed and continued.

11. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left foot is confirmed and continued.

12. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the right foot is confirmed and continued.

13. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left hand is confirmed and continued.

14. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the right hand is confirmed and continued.

15. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left wrist is confirmed and continued.

16. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the right wrist is confirmed and continued.

17. The previous denial of service connection for psoriatic arthritis of left knee (previously rated as chronic strain left knee) is confirmed and continued.

EVIDENCE

- VA Form 20-0995, Decision Review Request - Supplemental Claims, received May 22, 2020
- Private Treatment Records, [redacted], received May 22, 2020 for the period September 27, 2019 to May 11, 2020
- Private Treatment Records, [redacted], received May 22, 2020 for the period November 26, 2018 to December 2, 2018
- Private Treatment Records, [redacted], received May 22, 2020 for the period March 10, 2016 to March 5, 2020
- VA Form 21-4138, Statement in Support of Claim from Veteran, received May 22, 2020
- DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, received January 18, 2014 for the period January [redacted], 2003 to January [redacted], 2008
- Service Treatment Records, received January 18, 2014 for the period January 2003 to January 2008
- Service Personnel Records, received October 22, 2016 for the period January 2003 to January 2008
- VA Form 21-0966, Intent To File A Claim For Compensation and/or Pension, or Survivors Pension and/or DIC, received November 16, 2018
- VA Form 21-526 EZ: Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits, received December 4, 2018
- Rating Decision, dated May 13, 2019
- Rating Decision, dated February 18, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Medical Opinions, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Hip and Thigh, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Non-Degenerative Arthritis, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Elbow and Forearm, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Shoulder and Arm, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Hand and Finger, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Foot, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Knee and Lower Leg, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Wrist, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Ankle, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- Disability Benefit Questionnaire, Back, VA Contract Examination (QTC Medical Services), dated July 7, 2020
- VA Medical Center Baltimore/Perry Point treatment records for the period November 1, 2016 to March 30, 2020

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REASONS FOR DECISION

1. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the lower back as secondary to the service-connected disability of psoriasis (previous rated as minimal erythematous slightly scaly patches).

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim (38 CFR 3.2501).

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered.

Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the back (claimed as psoriatic arthritis of lower back/sacroilliac joints) has been established as related to the service-connected disability of psoriasis (previous rated as minimal erythematous slightly scaly patches). (38 CFR 3.310)

An evaluation of 20 percent is assigned from November 16, 2018, which is the date we received your intent to file prior to receipt of the initial claim regarding this condition. Per VA regulations, the effective date will be fixed in accordance with the date of receipt of the initial claim or date entitlement arose, whichever is later, if a claimant continuously pursues an issue by timely filing in succession any of the available review options within one year of the issuance of the decision. (38 CFR 3.2500) When a claim of service connection is received more than one year after discharge from active duty, the effective date is either the date VA received the intent to file (if the claim is received within 1 year of the intent to file), or the date VA received the claim. (38 CFR 3.155, 38 CFR 3.400) Since this issue/claim has been continuously pursued, an effective date of November 16, 2018 is warranted.

We have assigned a 20 percent evaluation for your psoriatic arthritis of the back based on:
• Forward flexion of the thoracolumbar spine greater than 30 degrees but not greater than 60 degrees (38 CFR 4.71a)

Additional symptom(s) include:
• Objective evidence of psoriatic arthritis
• Combined range of motion of the thoracolumbar spine greater than 120 degrees but not greater than 235 degrees
• Forward flexion of the thoracolumbar spine greater than 60 degrees but not greater than 85 degrees
• Painful motion upon examination (38 CFR 4.71a, 38 CFR 4.59)

The provisions of 38 CFR §4.40 and §4.45 concerning functional loss due to pain, fatigue, weakness, or lack of endurance, incoordination, and flare-ups, as cited in DeLuca v. Brown and Mitchell v. Shinseki, have been considered and were applied based on additional joint limitation.

A higher evaluation of 40 percent is not warranted for psoriatic arthritis unless the evidence shows:
• Favorable ankylosis of the entire thoracolumbar spine; or,
• Forward flexion of the thoracolumbar spine 30 degrees or less. (38 CFR 4.71a)

Additionally, a higher evaluation of 40 percent is not warranted for psoriatic arthritis unless the evidence shows symptom combinations productive of definite impairment of health objectively supported by examination findings or incapacitating exacerbations occurring three or more times a year. (38 CFR 4.71a)

2. Service connection for right hip psoriatic arthritis, limitation of adduction as secondary to the service-connected disability of psoriasis (previous rated as minimal erythematous slightly scaly patches).

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim (38 CFR 3.2501).

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered.

Service connection for right hip psoriatic arthritis, limitation of adduction (previously rated as chronic right hip strain) has been established as related to the service-connected disability of psoriasis (previous rated as minimal erythematous slightly scaly patches). (38 CFR 3.310)

An evaluation of 10 percent is assigned from November 16, 2018, which is the date we received your intent to file prior to receipt of the initial claim regarding this condition. Per VA regulations, the effective date will be fixed in accordance with the date of receipt of the initial claim or date entitlement arose, whichever is later, if a claimant continuously pursues an issue by timely filing in succession any of the available review options within one year of the issuance of the decision. (38 CFR 3.2500) When a claim of service connection is received more than one year after discharge from active duty, the effective date is either the date VA received the intent to file (if the claim is received within 1 year of the intent to file), or the date VA received the claim. (38 CFR 3.155, 38 CFR 3.400) Since this issue/claim has been continuously pursued, an effective date of November 16, 2018 is warranted.

An evaluation of 10 percent is assigned for limited adduction of the thigh with inability to cross the legs. (38 CFR 4.71a)

Also, an evaluation of 10 percent is granted for limited rotation of the thigh with inability to toe-out more than 15 degrees. (38 CFR 4.71a)

A higher evaluation of 20 percent is not warranted unless the record shows abduction of the thigh is lost beyond 10 degrees. (38 CFR 4.71a)

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Additionally, a higher evaluation of 20 percent is not warranted unless the record shows one or two exacerbations a year in a well-established diagnosis. (38 CFR 4.71a)

3. Service connection for right hip psoriatic arthritis, limitation of extension as secondary to the service-connected disability of psoriasis (previous rated as minimal erythematous slightly scaly patches).

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim (38 CFR 3.2501).

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered.

Service connection for right hip psoriatic arthritis, limitation of extension (previously rated as chronic right hip strain) has been established as related to the service-connected disability of psoriasis (previous rated as minimal erythematous slightly scaly patches). (38 CFR 3.310)

A noncompensable (zero percent) evaluation is assigned from November 16, 2018, which is the date we received your intent to file prior to receipt of the initial claim regarding this condition. Per VA regulations, the effective date will be fixed in accordance with the date of receipt of the initial claim or date entitlement arose, whichever is later, if a claimant continuously pursues an issue by timely filing in succession any of the available review options within one year of the issuance of the decision. (38 CFR 3.2500) When a claim of service connection is received more than one year after discharge from active duty, the effective date is either the date VA received the intent to file (if the claim is received within 1 year of the intent to file), or the date VA received the claim. (38 CFR 3.155, 38 CFR 3.400) Since this issue/claim has been continuously pursued, an effective date of November 16, 2018 is warranted.

A noncompensable evaluation is assigned unless the thigh is limited in extension to 5 degrees. (38 CFR 4.31, 38 CFR 4.71a)

A noncompensable evaluation is assigned unless there is limited motion of a major joint or group of minor joints. (38 CFR .431, 38 CFR 4.71a)

A higher evaluation of 20 percent is not warranted unless the record shows one or two exacerbations a year in a well-established diagnosis. (38 CFR 4.71a)

4. Service connection for right hip psoriatic arthritis, limitation of flexion as secondary to the service-connected disability of psoriasis (previous rated as minimal erythematous slightly scaly patches).

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency

adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim (38 CFR 3.2501).

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered.

Service connection for right hip psoriatic arthritis, limitation of flexion (previously rated as chronic right hip strain) has been established as related to the service-connected disability of psoriasis (previous rated as minimal erythematous slightly scaly patches). (38 CFR 3.310)

A noncompensable (zero percent) evaluation is assigned from November 16, 2018, which is the date we received your intent to file prior to receipt of the initial claim regarding this condition. Per VA regulations, the effective date will be fixed in accordance with the date of receipt of the initial claim or date entitlement arose, whichever is later, if a claimant continuously pursues an issue by timely filing in succession any of the available review options within one year of the issuance of the decision. (38 CFR 3.2500) When a claim of service connection is received more than one year after discharge from active duty, the effective date is either the date VA received the intent to file (if the claim is received within 1 year of the intent to file), or the date VA received the claim. (38 CFR 3.155, 38 CFR 3.400) Since this issue/claim has been continuously pursued, an effective date of November 16, 2018 is warranted.

A noncompensable evaluation is assigned unless the thigh is limited in flexion to 45 degrees. (38 CFR 4.31, 38 CFR 4.71a)

A noncompensable evaluation is assigned unless there is limited motion of a major joint or group of minor joints. (38 CFR .431, 38 CFR 4.71a)

A higher evaluation of 20 percent is not warranted unless the record shows one or two exacerbations a year in a well-established diagnosis. (38 CFR 4.71a)

5. Evaluation of right ankle psoriatic arthritis with lateral collateral ligament sprain and residuals of fracture (previously rated as right ankle strain and residuals of fracture) currently evaluated as 10 percent disabling.

The evaluation of right ankle psoriatic arthritis with lateral collateral ligament sprain and residuals of fracture (previously rated as right ankle strain and residuals of fracture) is continued as 10 percent disabling.

The VA examiner states your right ankle psoriatic arthritis diagnosis is at least as likely as not due to your service-connected psoriasis. This condition has been evaluated here together with your service-connected right ankle strain and residuals of fracture condition. Otherwise, a pyramiding violation would occur. (38 CFR 4.14)

We reviewed the evidence received and determined your service-connected condition(s) hasn't/haven't increased in severity sufficiently to warrant a higher evaluation.

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An evaluation of 10 percent is granted for moderate limited motion of the ankle. (38 CFR 4.71a)

A higher evaluation of 20 percent is not warranted unless the record shows marked limited motion of the ankle. (38 CFR 4.71a)

A higher evaluation of 20 percent is not warranted unless the record shows one or two exacerbations a year in a well-established diagnosis. (38 CFR 4.71a)

6. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of right shoulder (previously evaluated as chronic right shoulder strain).

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of right shoulder remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right shoulder. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability of psoriatic arthritis right shoulder. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a right shoulder condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the right shoulder which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the right shoulder that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right shoulder secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the right shoulder if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10

percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the right shouler that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right shoulder because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

You have been diagnosed with a disability. VA Shoulder examination dated July 7, 2020 shows a diagnosis of right shoulder strain.

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the right shoulder is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

7. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left shoulder.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of left shoulder remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left shouler. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability of psoriatic arthritis left shoulder. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a left shoulder condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical

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evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the left shoulder which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the left shoulder that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left shoulder secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the left shoulder if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the left shoulder that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left shoulder because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

You have been diagnosed with a disability. VA Shoulder examination dated July 7, 2020 shows a diagnosis of left shoulder strain.

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the left shoulder is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

8. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left ankle.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now

reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of left ankle remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left ankle. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability of psoriatic arthritis left ankle. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a left ankle condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the left ankle which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the left ankle that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left ankle secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the left ankle if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the left ankle that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left ankle because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

You have been diagnosed with a disability. VA Ankle examination dated July 7, 2020 shows a diagnosis of left ankle lateral collateral ligament sprain.

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The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the left ankle is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

9. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left elbow.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of left elbow remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left elbow. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a left elbow condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the left elbow which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the left elbow that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left elbow secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the left elbow if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the left elbow that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive

basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left elbow because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service-connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the left elbow is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

10. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the right elbow.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of right elbow remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right elbow. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a right elbow condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the right elbow which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service

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connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the right elbow that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right elbow secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the right elbow if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the right elbow that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right elbow because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service-connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the right elbow is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

11. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left foot.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of left foot remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left foot. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a left foot

condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the left foot which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the left foot that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left foot secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the left foot if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the left foot that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left foot because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service-connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the left foot is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

12. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the right foot.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now

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reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of right foot remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right foot. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a right foot condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the right foot which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the right foot that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right foot secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the right foot if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the right foot that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right foot because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service-connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military

service. Arthritis of the right foot is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

13. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left hand.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of left hand remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left hand. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a left hand condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the left hand which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the left hand that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left hand secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the left hand if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the left hand that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left hand because there

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are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service-connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the left hand is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

14. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the right hand.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of right hand remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right hand. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a right hand condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the right hand which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the right hand that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current

diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right hand secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the right hand if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the right hand that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right hand because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service-connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the right hand is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

15. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the left wrist.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of left wrist remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left wrist. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a left wrist condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file

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does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the left wrist which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the left wrist that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left wrist secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the left wrist if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the left wrist that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left wrist because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service-connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the left wrist is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

16. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of the right wrist.

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of right wrist remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right wrist. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a right wrist condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the right wrist which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the right wrist that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right wrist secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the right wrist if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the right wrist that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the right wrist because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service-connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the right wrist is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

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17. Service connection for psoriatic arthritis of left knee as secondary to the service-connected disability of psoriasis (previous rated as minimal erythematous slightly scaly patches also claimed as skin condition).

A claimant may file a supplemental claim by submitting or identifying new and relevant evidence. New evidence is evidence not previously part of the actual record before agency adjudicators. Relevant evidence means evidence that tends to prove or disprove a matter at issue in a claim. (38 CFR 3.2501)

In support of your claim, new and relevant evidence has been received and your claim is now reconsidered; however, service connection for psoriatic arthritis of left knee remains denied since there is no current diagnosis of this condition (38 CFR 3.303).

There is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left knee. The VA medical opinion found no persistent disability. The evidence does not show a current diagnosed disability regarding this condition. Service connection may be granted for a disease or injury which resulted from a service-connected disability or was aggravated thereby. The evidence does not show that your claimed disability is related to a service-connected disability, nor is there any evidence that your claimed disability was incurred during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.306, 38 CFR 3.310) The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service regarding a left knee condition. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. We received your medical evidence which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. A review of your claims file does not show that you have submitted any medical evidence demonstrating that you have a current, chronic disability that was incurred in, caused by, or a continuation of a disability noted in service; nor is there any other indication that your current complaints have a causal connection to service, or that your claimed condition is otherwise associated with your active military service.

Service connection on a secondary basis for psoriatic arthritis of the left knee which is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury shall be service connected. (38 CFR 3.310) The medical evidence fails to show that you have psoriatic arthritis of the left knee that is proximately due to or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, specifically psoriasis. Although you are service-connected for psoriasis, there is no current diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left knee secondary to this condition.

Service connection may be granted on a presumptive basis for arthritis of the left knee if this condition is manifested to a compensable degree (severe enough to be evaluated at least 10 percent disabling) within a certain period after military discharge (specified under 38 CFR 3.307). The medical evidence fails to show that you have arthritis of the left knee that is currently disabling to a compensable degree, nor has the disability became compensable within the time period specified under 38 CFR 3.307. Therefore, service connection on a presumptive basis must be denied. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.307, 38 CFR 3.309).

The VA examiner states there is no diagnosis of psoriatic arthritis of the left knee because there are no findings, signs and or symptoms to support a diagnosis.

The evidence does not support a change in our prior decision. Therefore, we are confirming the previous denial of this claim.

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service-connected for psoriasis.

The claimed disability is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to your military service. Arthritis of the left knee is a chronic disease which may be presumptively linked to military service.

REFERENCES:

Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Pensions, Bonuses and Veterans' Relief contains the regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs which govern entitlement to all veteran benefits. For additional information regarding applicable laws and regulations, please consult your local library, or visit us at our website, www.va.gov.

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