Your service treatment records do not contain complaints, treatment, or diagnosis for this condition. The evidence does not show an event, disease or injury in service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304) 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)

We received your medical evidence from the VA Medical Center at Danville along with private treatment records from Carle Health System and correspondence from April Williams which discusses the symptoms of your medical condition. However, the VA medical opinion found no link between your diagnosed medical condition and your service connected post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and sleep apnea. The examiner stated, The conditions of erectile dysfunction (ED) and PTSD are not medically related. The ED is a separate entity entirely from the PTSD and unrelated to it. A thorough review of medical literature failed to demonstrate a causal relationship. A nexus has not been established. While anxiety and depression can increase the risk for ED, they do not cause ED. Review of current medical literature does not support this relationship. As for sleep apnea, these two conditions are not medically related. The claimed condition is a separate entity entirely from the service connected and unrelated to it. A thorough review of medical literature failed to demonstrate a causal relationship.

Therefore, service connection for erectile dysfunction is denied since this condition neither occurred in nor was caused by service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304)

Favorable Findings identified in this decision:

You have been diagnosed with a disability. LHI examination dated November 18, 2021, shows a diagnosis of erectile dysfunction.

The claimed primary disability is service-connected. You are service connected for post-traumatic stress disorder and obstructive sleep apnea.

2. Service connection for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) as secondary to the service-connected disability of post-traumatic stress disorder and obstructive sleep apnea. Service connection for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) as due to an undiagnosed illness.

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 gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is related to the service-connected condition of post-traumatic stress disorder, nor is there any evidence of this disability during military service. (38 CFR 3.303, 38 CFR 3.304, 38 CFR 3.310)

The "Persian Gulf War Veterans' Benefits Act" authorizes VA to compensate any Gulf veteran suffering from a "qualifying chronic disability," resulting from an undiagnosed illness or combination of undiagnosed illnesses, appearing either during active duty in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War, or to a degree of 10 percent or more within a