



Department of Veterans Affairs

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

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FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - LAST NAME OF VETERAN (Type or print)

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

VA FILE NO.

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The following statement is made in connection with a claim for benefits in the case of the above-named veteran:

My name is spouse of (Claimant)
I was married to Brain Douglas Pledger on June 22, 1965. This was to be a happy marriage with a few trials and hardships (that sure has not been the case by far). I was at work when I received a call from my husband stating that he was taken off the [USS LIDDLE APD60] and WAS put in a hospital in ROOSEVELT ROADS PURETO RICO. I could not get all the specifics of what had happened. He said he had a Ship mate terrorizing him for sometime and he had finally had enough. He came at him and my husband finally took action against this Shipmate. He passed out and when he finally came to he was no longer on the ship but in the hospital. He had tried, several time, with NO Help to get this matter taken care of. He went to his supervisors (Chain of Command) to get this resolved (other ship mates also knew that there was a major problem). When he finally got back to the United States, Portsmouth Virginia Naval Hospital, he was told of a heart condition, anxiety reaction and emotional unstable personality, so he was in the for over 30 days. When it was time for him to be released from the hospital I was approached by a Navy Personal Officer and was asked that my husband consider a discharge. I told him NO Way as we were young and did not have the means to continue medical treatment for him if and when any would be needed.

Well, after his hospital release things continued to go down hill. He began drinking in excess, staying out LATE at night, showing no respect for authority (military or civilian) He was in constant trouble on ship. His whole personality changed and trust me it was not for the good. After his discharge things even worsened. How on top of everything he was becoming violent and abusive. He would not hold a job for any length of time, going from one jot to another. At one point he told me he was seeing another female, and when fishing up North he would go to the bars and have contact with other women.

Later as time went on his temper got to the point he would have complete back out spells. He went to several doctors and was advised he was depressed, which he refused to think that was a problem with him and we could not financially continue to try to find out what was really going on with him.

Things with my husband are Very Serious. As his temper is way out of control and the anger is unbearable. If he would have received the help he needed, on the USS LIDDLE APD60, when this problem first took place I am Very sure that we would not be going through any of this

I CERTIFY THAT the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

09/11/2011

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Include Area Code)

DAYTIME

EVENING

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