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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. C/CSS -

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

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

SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	
ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBERS *(Include Area Code)*	
	DAYTIME	EVENING

PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement or evidence of a material fact, knowing it to be false.

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AND FROM:

PROLONGED EXPOSURE to HAZARHOUS NOISE in EXCESS OF NORMAL LIMITS to:

1988-89: -USS Kirk FF-1087.....FLIGHT OPERATIONS.
-Exposure to hazardous aviation noise from helicopter flight ops take off & landings as part of aviation fire fighting team aboard the USS Kirk FF-1087 with NO hearing protection.
-Distance was between 40 & 60 feet when "standing by" as a Fire Fighter.
-Duration in excess of 30x/month for ship to maintain flight proficiency.
-Total exposures in excess of 300 take off/landings over a 6-9 month period.

1989: -USS Kirk FF-1087.....HAZARDOUS NOISE - SHIPYARD DUTY.
-Exposure operating a "pneumatic needle gun" chipping paint during ship overhaul.
-Conducive vibrations required frequent breaks for body/head/ears to rest.
-Exposure to 40hrs/week, plus 2 duty days/week for >50+/hrs/week exposure.
-Pneumatic needle gun exposure lasted four (4) months - June to September 1989.
-Daily shipyard environment of cutting, hammering, and pounding constantly exceeded normal noise levels, requiring Contractors and Navy Personnel to speak louder than normal and often required shouting just to be heard.

1989: -USS Conquest MSO 488.....HAZARDOUS NOISE - SHIPYARD DUTY - BAHRAIN; PERSIAN GULF.
-Daily shipyard environment of cutting, hammering, and pounding constantly exceeded normal noise levels, requiring Contractors and Navy Personnel to speak louder than normal and often required shouting just to be heard.
-Exposure to engineering exhaust fans while standing 2-4 hour Quarter Deck watch
-After Quarter Deck watch hearing fatigue, requiring prolonged quiet for recovery.
-In port watch cycle was "port & starboard", meaning every other day for 6 months.

1991-94: -USS Fletcher DD-992...HAZARDOUS NOISE in SLEEPING/WORK QUARTERS.
-Daily exposure to hazardous machinery noise behind bulkhead while sleeping.
-Daily exposure lasted from March 1991 through September 1994 - 3.5 years.
-While sleeping, head was six inches from bulkhead, with NO hearing protection.
-Machinery cycled on/off every 10-15 minutes, often interrupting sleep.
-Noise from air conditioning in DPC (Data Processing Central), work space exceeded normal levels requiring speaking loud or stepping outside to converse.
-Work proximity was 10-15 feet in DPC when doing diagnostics on computer equip..
-Exposure times were ~10hrs/week for three and a half years (3.5 years).
-Exposure to engineering exhaust fans, standing mid-ship sea and anchor detail.
-Sea and anchor details averaged 4-6 hours of exposure.
-90 day shipyard tour in Pearl Harbor.
-Daily shipyard environment of cutting, hammering, and pounding constantly exceeded normal noise levels, requiring Contractors and Navy Personnel to speak louder than normal and often required shouting just to be heard.