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INTENT TO FILE A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION AND/OR PENSION, OR SURVIVORS PENSION AND/OR DIC

INSTRUCTIONS: Before completing this form, read the Privacy Act and Respondent Burden on page 2. This form is used to notify VA of your intent to file for the general benefit(s). For more information, contact us online through ASK VA: **https://ask.va.gov/.** Ask us a question online or call us toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 (TTY:711). VA forms are available at **www.va.gov/vaforms**.

SECTION I: VETERAN'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

NOTE: You may complete the form online or by hand. If completed by hand, print the information requested in ink, neatly and legibly, insert one letter per box, and completely fill in each applicable check box to expedite processing of the form.

1. VETERAN'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)

2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

3. HAVE YOU EVER FILED A VA CLAIM?
- ☐ YES (If "YES," complete Item 4)
- ☐ NO

4. VA FILE NUMBER (If applicable)

5. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

6. VETERAN'S SERVICE NUMBER (If applicable)

7. MAILING ADDRESS (If applicable) (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)

No. & Street

Apt./Unit Number

City

State/Province

Country

ZIP Code/Postal Code

8. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)

9. E-MAIL ADDRESS (If applicable) ☐ I agree to receive electronic correspondence from VA in regards to my claim.

SECTION II: CLAIMANT'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION
(Complete this section ONLY if the claimant is NOT the veteran)

10. CLAIMANT'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)

11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

12. HAVE YOU EVER FILED A VA CLAIM?
- ☐ YES (If "YES," complete Item 13)
- ☐ NO

13. VA FILE NUMBER (If applicable)

14. RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN (Check one)

☐ SPOUSE ☐ CHILD ☐ FIDUCIARY ☐ VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER ☐ ALTERNATE SIGNER

☐ THIRD-PARTY ☐ OTHER (Specify)

15. CLAIMANT'S DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

16. MAILING ADDRESS (If applicable) (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)

No. & Street

Apt./Unit Number

City

State/Province

Country

ZIP Code/Postal Code

17. TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

Enter International Phone Number (If applicable)

18. E-MAIL ADDRESS (If applicable) ☐ I agree to receive electronic correspondence from VA in regards to my claim.

SECTION III: GENERAL BENEFIT ELECTION

IMPORTANT: VA may not be able to use this form to establish an effective date for benefits if you **do not** select one or more of the general benefits listed below.

19. I INTEND TO FILE FOR THE GENERAL BENEFIT(S) CHECKED BELOW: (Choose all that apply)

☒ COMPENSATION ☐ PENSION

NOTE: ONLY CHECK THE BOX BELOW IF YOU ARE A SURVIVING DEPENDENT OF THE VETERAN.

☐ SURVIVORS PENSION AND/OR DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC)

IMPORTANT: After receiving this form, VA will give you the appropriate application to file for the general benefit you select above. You can also apply for VA disability compensation online at **www.va.gov**. If you give VA a completed application for the selected general benefit within *one* year of filing this form, your completed application will be considered filed as of the date of receipt of this form. Only the *first* completed application for each selected general benefit that is received after you file this form will be considered filed as of the date of receipt of this form. You may indicate your intent to file for more than one general benefit on this form or you may submit a separate intent to file (VA Form 21-0966) for each general benefit. Please complete as much of this form as possible, as VA cannot process this form if we cannot identify the claimant and/or veteran.

SECTION IV: DECLARATION OF INTENT AND SIGNATURE

By filing this form, **I HEREBY INDICATE MY INTENT** to apply for one or more general benefits under the laws administered by VA.

I acknowledge that:

(1) this is **not a claim for benefits**,
(2) I must file a complete application for each general benefit with VA before VA will process my claim; and
(3) a complete application for the same general benefit(s) as indicated on this form must be received within one year of the date VA receives this form for my application to be considered filed as of the date of this form.

20. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN/CLAIMANT/AUTHORIZED AGENT **(REQUIRED)**	21. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)
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22. NAME OF ATTORNEY, AGENT, OR VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION (VSO) (Please Print)

NOTE: This form may only be completed by a VSO, attorney, or agent if a valid power of attorney has been completed.

Where to Send Correspondence - After completing this form, mail to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Evidence Intake Center
P.O. Box 4444
Janesville, WI 53547- 4444

PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties (including fine and/or imprisonment) for willfully submitting any statement or evidence of a material fact you know to be false, or for fraudulent receipt of any document you are not entitled to.

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., civil or criminal law enforcement, congressional communications, epidemiological or research studies, the collection of money owed to the United States, litigation in which the United States is a party or has an interest, the administration of VA programs and delivery of benefits, verification of identity and status, and personnel administration) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education, and Veteran Readiness and Employment Records-VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required only to preserve a date of claim for an application that is received within one year of receipt of this form. VA uses your Social Security number to identify if you have a claim file and to ensure that your records are properly associated with your claim file. VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine the appropriate application and provide it to the claimant.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine the intent of the claimant and to provide the claimant with the appropriate application for VA benefits (38 U.S.C. 5102). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 5 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at **www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain**. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

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Respondent Burden: 5 minutes
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APPOINTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION AS CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE

INSTRUCTIONS: Before completing the form, read the Privacy Act and Respondent Burden on Page 3. The VA Office of General Counsel maintains a list of all attorneys, claims agents, and Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representatives accredited by VA to assist in preparing, presenting, and prosecuting claims for VA benefits at: https://www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/index.asp. You can search this list by name, state, or zip code. We recommend you use the list to confirm and validate VA accreditation before signing any contract or appointing someone to represent you on your VA benefits claim. If you prefer to have an individual assist you with your claim instead of a VSO, complete VA Form 21-22a, *Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative*. For more information, you can contact us through Ask VA: https://ask.va.gov/, or call us toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 (TTY:711). VA forms are available at www.va.gov/vaforms. After completing the form, use the mailing addresses provided on Page 4.

SECTION I: VETERAN'S INFORMATION

NOTE: You can *either* complete the form online or by hand. If completed by hand, print the information requested in ink, neatly, and legibly to expedite processing of the form.

1. VETERAN'S NAME *(First, Middle Initial, Last)*

2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER *(SSN)*

3. VA FILE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

4. VETERAN'S DATE OF BIRTH *(MM/DD/YYYY)*
Month – Day – Year

5. VETERAN'S SERVICE NUMBER *(If applicable)*

6. INSURANCE NUMBER(S) *(If applicable) (Include letter prefix)*

7. MAILING ADDRESS *(Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)*
No. & Street
Apt./Unit Number
City
State/Province
Country
ZIP Code/Postal Code –

8. TELEPHONE NUMBER *(Include Area Code)*

9. EMAIL ADDRESS *(Optional)*

SECTION II: CLAIMANT'S INFORMATION *(If other than veteran)*

10. CLAIMANT'S NAME *(First, Middle Initial, Last)*

11A. CLAIMANT'S DATE OF BIRTH
Month – Day – Year

11B. RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN

12. MAILING ADDRESS *(Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)*
No. & Street
Apt./Unit Number
City
State/Province
Country
ZIP Code/Postal Code –

13.TELEPHONE NUMBER *(Include Area Code)*

14. EMAIL ADDRESS *(Optional)*

SECTION III: SERVICE ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

15. NAME OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS *(See list on Page 3 before selecting organization)*

074 - The American Legion

16A. NAME OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE ORGANIZATION NAMED IN ITEM 15 *(This is an appointment of the entire organization and does not indicate the designation of only this specific individual to act on behalf of the organization)*

16B. JOB TITLE OF PERSON NAMED IN ITEM 16A

CSO

17. EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION NAMED IN ITEM 15

TDVA.VBANAS@va.gov

18. DATE OF THIS APPOINTMENT *(MM/DD/YYYY)*

VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ☐☐☐ – ☐☐ – ☐☐☐☐

SECTION IV: AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION

19. AUTHORIZATION FOR REPRESENTATIVE'S ACCESS TO RECORDS PROTECTED BY SECTION 7332, TITLE 38, U.S.C. - By checking the box below I authorize VA to disclose to the service organization named on this appointment form any records that may be in my file relating to treatment for drug abuse, alcoholism or alcohol abuse, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), or sickle cell anemia.

☒ I **authorize** the VA facility having custody of my VA claimant records to disclose to the service organization named in Item 15 all treatment records relating to drug abuse, alcoholism or alcohol abuse, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), or sickle cell anemia. Redisclosure of these records by my service organization representative, other than to VA or the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, is not authorized without my further written consent. This authorization will remain in effect until the earlier of the following events: (1) I revoke this authorization by filing a written revocation with VA; or (2) I revoke the appointment of the service organization named in Item 15, either by explicit revocation or the appointment of

20. LIMITATION OF CONSENT- I authorize disclosure of records related to treatment for all conditions listed in Item 19 except:

☐ DRUG ABUSE ☐ INFECTION WITH THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)

☐ ALCOHOLISM OR ALCOHOL ABUSE ☐ SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

21. AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE CLAIMANT'S ADDRESS - By checking the box below, I authorize the organization named in Item 15 to act on my behalf to change my address in my VA records.

☒ I **authorize** any official representative of the organization named in Item 15 to act on my behalf to change my address in my VA records. This authorization does not extend to any other organization without my further written consent. This authorization will remain in effect until the earlier of the following events: (1) I file a written revocation with VA; or (2) I appoint another representative, or (3) I have been determined unable to manage my financial affairs and the individual or organization named in Item 16A is not my appointed fiduciary.

I, the claimant named in Items 1 ***or*** 10, hereby **appoint** the service organization named in Item 15 as my representative to prepare, present and prosecute my claim(s) for any and all benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) based on the service of the veteran named in Item 1. I authorize VA to release any and all of my records, to include disclosure of my Federal tax information (other than as provided in Items 19 and 20), to my appointed service organization. I understand that my appointed representative will not charge any fee or compensation for service rendered pursuant to this appointment. I understand that the service organization I have appointed as my representative may revoke this appointment at any time, subject to 38 CFR 20.6. *Additionally, in some cases a veteran's income is developed because a match with the Internal Revenue Service necessitated income verification. In such cases, the assignment of the service organization as the veteran's representative is valid for only five years from the date the claimant signs this form for purposes restricted to the verification match.* Signed and accepted subject to the foregoing conditions.

SECTION V: SIGNATURES

NOTE: THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY DOES NOT REQUIRE EXECUTION BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC

22A. SIGNATURE OF VETERAN OR CLAIMANT **(Required)**	22B. DATE SIGNED *(MM/DD/YYYY)*
23A. SIGNATURE OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE NAMED IN ITEM 16A **(Required)**	23B. DATE SIGNED *(MM/DD/YYYY)*

NOTE: As long as this appointment is in effect, the organization named herein will be recognized as the sole representative for preparation, presentation and prosecution of your claim before the Department of Veterans Affairs in connection with your claim or any portion thereof.

VA USE ONLY	COPY OF VA FORM 21-22 SENT TO: ☐ VR&E FILE ☐ EDU FILE ☐ LG FILE ☐ INSURANCE FILE	DATE SENT *(MM/DD/YYYY)*	ACKNOWLEDGED *(Date)* *(MM/DD/YYYY)*	REVOKED *(Reason and date (MM/DD/YYYY))*

PENALTY: The law provides severe penalties which include fine or imprisonment, or both, for the willful submission of any statement of a material fact, knowing it to be false or for the fraudulent acceptance of any payment to which you are not entitled.