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I, SAMUEL HENNON, Plaintiff in the case of HENNON v. ROLLINS, ROGERS and STEPHENS, case no. 07 CV 5235, pending in the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, make the following statements based on personal knowledge and observations and in support of FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

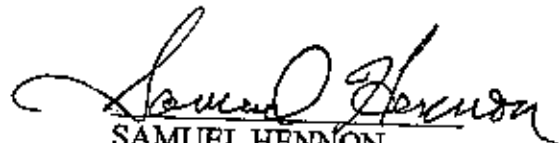
1. I am a veteran of the U. S. Navy serving between 1969 through 1972.
2. During my time in service I suffered injuries that were service connected.
3. I used PVA to represent me on my claims to benefits for service connected disabilities.
4. In April 2004, I received an award for disability compensation for service connected disabilities of 100% which would have given me an award of @ \$2,600/month.
5. By July 2007 the award amount was \$3,172.00/month.
6. I met Bo Rollins, a part of the National PVA hierarchy, in spring of 2005 and he took issue with the fact that I had worked to get the Vaughn Chapter of PVA off probation.
7. I was an active member of the Vaughn chapter of PVA (VCPVA) and was elected to the Board of the VCPVA in October 2005.
8. I have always been an outspoken advocate for veterans and helped them to put their disability cases together and helped them to file appropriate forms and directed them to service officers; I was the webmaster for Veterans for Unification; I was the founder of the Veterans Voting bloc Illinois chapter and created and ran websites for them; I was the founder and owner of WVBSR, which is a veterans broadcasting systems radio station.
9. In my various advocacy roles I frequently had differences of opinions with VA officials including Michael Stephens.

10. Also in my various advocacy roles I frequently differed with Veterans service groups who were approved by VA to advocate for veterans including National PVA.
11. In March 2006 I went to Washington D. C. to lobby congress on behalf of the National PVA regarding bills pending.
12. While in Washington D. C. on March 8, 2006 Doug Vollmer, the Administrative Executive Director for National PVA for Governmental Relations, said to me that I had embarrassed the organization with my questions to Senator Craig and Carl Blake, Senior Legislative Director and Blake Ortner, Associate Legislative Director objected to my bringing up the need to serve homeless veterans and said that this was not the time to bring that up.
13. After I returned from Washington I drafted a letter of complaint on the poor service being delivered by the National service officers of PVA and the service by Chicago Regional Office of VA.
14. In October 2006 I asked to review my file and was allowed to do so but was not allowed to copy from the files and was given only one hour to review. (See attached exhibit 14)
15. I learned from examining my VA records on October 19, 2006 with my wife, that Ed Rogers, National PVA field director, had been communicating without my knowledge or consent with Michael Stephens, the Director of the Chicago Regional VA office where he referred to Stephens as "My friend" and referred to my claim as a "pot of poop" in an e-mail dated April 7, 2006.
16. Further review of my VA benefits file showed that without my consent the PVA National field service officer Ed Rogers; Bo Rollins, National Director of Field Services; and Michael Stephens Of VA initiated a review of my disability benefits which made

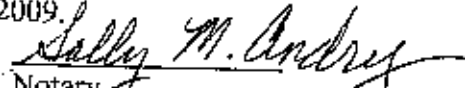
no sense because I was already receiving 100% benefits and had never requested any review nor was I advised that either VA or PVA was on their own reviewing my benefits file.

17. Examining the file I found a communication between Rogers, Stephens, and Rollins where reference was made to my veterans advocacy websites, the wording of an e-mail of April 20, 2006 stated "Look at the client's websites."
18. In June of 2006 I received a letter from National PVA indicating that VA was reviewing my benefit entitlements.
19. I had not requested this review and had no idea why there would be a review of my receiving a 100% disability benefit package.
20. On March 2, 2007, I received a letter from Chicago Regional Office reducing my benefits from 100% to 60%, which also meant a reduction of my monthly award from \$3,172 to \$1,826.00. (See attached exhibit 20)
21. Since March of 2007 to September 2009, I have lost \$39,000 in benefits. In addition I lost \$1,000 each year in educational benefits which the State of Illinois gives to 100% veterans tuition assistance of \$1,000 per child. I have two children who were eligible. I lost \$4,000 of this benefit.
22. I have also had to see my Psychiatrist Dr. George Paniotte, for the anxiety I suffered because of the actions by PVA and VA. (See attached exhibit 22)
23. With the 100% I could have been eligible for a vehicle allowance for adaptability Of \$13,000 which I applied for and was denied.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.


SAMUEL HENNON

Signed and sworn to before me this 1st day of September, 2009.


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In Reply Refer To: 328/Privacy/cmm
CSS 26-480-628
HENNON, Samuel L.

SAMUEL L HENNON
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October 06, 2006

Dear Mr. Hennon:

This letter is in response to your request to view your claim folder. The viewing of your claim file may be done at the VA Regional office in Chicago at 9:00 am. Your claim file will be located in our customer service center. On **October 19, 2006**. If this viewing period is not convenient for you please contact us as soon as possible.

Our address is listed below for your convenience. Please request your claim file at the customer service center help desk and a representative will assist you.

VA Regional Office Chicago
2122 West Taylor Street
Chicago IL 60612

Do You Have Questions Or Need Assistance?

If you have any Questions, call us toll-free by dialing 1-800-827-1000. Our TDD Number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-829-4833. If you call, please have this letter with you.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Stephens

Michael Stephens
Veterans Service Center Manager
Email us at: <https://iris.va.gov>



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In Reply Refer To: 328/POST/dv
C 26 480 628
HENNON, S L

Dear Mr. Hennon:

We made a decision on your claim for service-connected disability compensation received on June 22, 2006.

This letter tells you what we decided. It includes a copy of our rating decision that gives the evidence used and reasons for our decision. We have also included information about what to do if you disagree with our decision, and who to contact if you have questions or need assistance.

What Did We Decide?

Effective May 1, 2007, service-connection for Guillain Barre syndrome with residual urinary leakage is severed.

Effective May 1, 2007, service-connection for Guillain Barre syndrome with residual weakness, right lower extremity is severed.

Effective May 1, 2007, service-connection for Guillain Barre syndrome, left lower extremity is severed.

Effective May 1, 2007, service-connection for Guillain Barre syndrome, with incontinence of bowel is severed.

We also determined that the following condition were not related to your military service, so service connection couldn't be granted:

Medical Description
Post traumatic stress disorder
Face drop, facial injury
Numbness in extremities/peripheral

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neuropathy
Sleep apnea
Transverse myelitis and myelopathy

Effective May 1, 2007, entitlement to the 100% rate is terminated.

Effective May 1, 2007, entitlement to Dependents' Educational Assistance under 38 USC, Chapter 35 is terminated.

We have enclosed a copy of your Rating Decision for your review. It provides a detailed explanation of our decision, the evidence considered and the reasons for our decision. You can find the decision discussed in the section titled "Decision." The evidence we considered is discussed in the section titled "Evidence." The reasons for our decision can be found in the portion of the rating titled "Reasons for Decision" or "Reasons and Bases."

What You Should Do If You Disagree With Our Decision.

If you do not agree with our decision, you should write and tell us why. You have *one year from the date of this letter to appeal the decision.* The enclosed VA Form 4107, "Your Rights to Appeal Our Decision," explains your right to appeal.

Do You Have Questions Or Need Assistance?

If you have any questions, you may contact us by telephone, e-mail, or letter.

If you	Here is what to do.
Telephone	Call us at 1-800-827-1000. If you use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the number is 1-800-829-4833.
Use the Internet	Send electronic inquiries through the Internet at https://iris.va.gov .
Write	Put your full name and VA file number on the letter. Please send all correspondence to the address at the top of this letter.

In all cases, be sure to refer to your VA file number 26 480 628.

If you are looking for general information about benefits and eligibility, you should visit our web site at <http://www.va.gov>, or search the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at <http://iris.va.gov>.

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We sent a copy of this letter to the AMVETS because you appointed them as your representative. If you have questions or need assistance, you can also contact them.

Sincerely yours,

Suzanne S. Lowe

Suzanne S. Lowe
Veterans Service Center Manager

Email us at: <https://iris.va.gov>

Enclosure(s): Rating Decision

VA Form 4107

cc: AMVETS

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~~not directed towards strangers or family members
examination, he is not comfortable. I will have him return to the clinic
within days. He agrees to care and to give careful consideration to taking
medication. I will continue to monitor his behavior and will
do so. I will continue to monitor his behavior and will
do so immediately if situation deteriorates.~~

RTC next week or prn. Understood safety net.

Signed by: /es/ GEORGE E. PANIOTTE, M.D.
ATTENDING
01/26/2007 18:25

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HENNON, SAMUEL L. HINES VA HOSPITAL Printed: 12/10/2007 09:22
Pt Loc: OUTPATIENT Vice SF 509
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MEDICAL RECORD

Progress Notes

NOTE DATED: 01/26/2007 18:29
LOCAL TITLE: MH ATTENDING NOTE
VISIT: 01/26/2007 10:00 MHC DR. PANIOTTE-IND
TREATMENT AREA

Problem: Depression.

2/10 with 5 being passing with 10 being the best. [REDACTED] but does have some [REDACTED] which [REDACTED] and does not have the energy in the past of his [REDACTED]

Guilt, hopelessness, helplessness, emptiness, anger, worthlessness, decreased concentration, irritability etc. remain and the pt. continues feeling anger and anxiety with his depression during a good part of the day. Finally he is willing to increase his medications, though he still refuses my recommendation for inpatient tx. Neurovegetative symptoms in terms of sleep disturbances cont. but have improved and the pt. is getting a reasonable night's sleep. He [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continued being irritable towards all close to him and has diffuse anger, but not express it, instead unleashing it during our sessions (pt. has enough trust in psychiatrist to express his feelings fully without holding back. Thus catharsis does occur). At home he generally avoids family stimulation and does not react to his family. However, the patient remains incapacitated, essentially paralyzed, unable to do house chores, without bathing, or caring much for himself. He is eating and sleeping reasonably though, and remains in the house protected from the elements. He refuses inpatient treatment again citing that his wife is taking care of him in relation to my concerns. Thus he is not certifiable against his will at this time.

TREATMENT AREA

Problem: Anxiety and PTSD: 2/10 with 5 being passing and 10 being the best.

[REDACTED] directly driven by anxiety, i.e. no psychosis. Not directed at anybody except 3 specific persons. Can't concentrate well while trying to read or sustain prolonged effort and is distractible. Calmer after session though he remained angry at political process. Flashbacks and anger occur relating to the veterans as reminders occur (PTSD). Symptoms from the other 2 clusters still are grossly incapacitating but not as intense as the withdrawal cluster. Refused recommendation for inpt. tx. Not certifiable. Wife takes care of him despite her duty as a full time nurse and housewife.

However, he now finally (with much insistence) accepting of incr. in abilify and effexor. Promises to call q 2 days until next apt.

Now:
Active Outpatient Medications (Including Supplies):

- [REDACTED] ACTIVE
- [REDACTED] DO NOT USE
- [REDACTED] ACTIVE (S)
- [REDACTED] ACTIVE
- [REDACTED] ACTIVE (S)
- [REDACTED] ACTIVE
- [REDACTED] ACTIVE (S)

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speech incoherency and near-continuous psychological paralysis during much of the day. Thankfully, his wife is taking care of him and all household responsibilities. In his psychological paralysis he is neglecting his personal appearance, care, and hygiene, and looks unkempt and somewhat disheveled. He makes good eye contact. His capacity to deal with stress is seriously compromised even sitting at home essentially without any responsibilities. His relationship with his children has significantly decreased and that with his wife has turned into a caretaking one. He does not have any other relationships anymore except perhaps with this psychiatrist. Given that his wife is taking care of him, and that he is eating and sleeping, without s/iip on careful questioning, and no plan or intent to act on his violent ideation (not directed towards strangers or family), on very careful and prolonged examination, he is not certifiable. I will have him return to the clinic within days. He agrees, finally, to taking incr. medication doses (see above). He refuses any other type of tx. at this time. Wife and or patient to call me immediately if situation deteriorates.
RTC next week or prn. Understood safety net well because of repeated explanations. Pt. verbalized that he could call or come in as a walk-in at any time. Call q day or two.

Signed by: /es/ GEORGE E. PANIOTTE, M.D.
ATTENDING
01/26/2007 19:15

HENNOW, SAMUEL L

HINES VA HOSPITAL
Pt Loc: OUTPATIENT

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