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I, the undersigned, hereby authorize the release of all pertinent information to U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock to make an inquiry on my behalf to the following Federal agency:

VETERANS AFFAIRS

(Name of Federal Agency)

Name: EUGENE G. MAURICE

Address: 601 SUDLERBEG WAY

City, State, Zip Code: DALLAS, GA 30157

Social Security #: 339-42-1524 Other ID #: _____

Telephone #: 678-910-2298 Email: GENE.MAURICE@SGMSEVILLE.COM

Signature: Eugene G. Maurice Date: 7-30-21
(Signature is required)

Please give a brief description of your problem below:

(include a second sheet if needed)

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED:

LETTER DESCRIBING THE ISSUE

COPY OF PD-214

Please return the signed and completed form to:

Office of U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock
3625 Cumberland Boulevard, Suite 970
Atlanta, GA 30339-6406
Or Fax: 770-612-2471

July 30, 2021

The Honorable Raphael Warnock
United States Senate
825 B&C Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

-Dear Senator Reverend Warnock:

My name is Eugene G. Maurice, I reside at 61 Shockley Way, Dallas, Paulding County, Georgia 30157, phone: 678-910-2297.

I am writing to seek your assistance in regard to a claim I submitted to the Veterans Administration on February 26, 2020, VA File Number 26251678, for service-related disabilities as a result of exposure to Agent Orange. The medical conditions that I suffer from as a probable relation to Agent Orange are hypertension, coronary artery disease, prostate cancer, and carotid stenosis. The exposure to Dioxin occurred during my service with the United States Marine Corps in the Republic of Viet Nam from September 1967 to October 1968.

For your information I served in the Marine Corps from March 17, 1966 to August 8, 1969, Service Number: 2250251.

Since submitting this claim to the VA, they have repeatedly requested several documents that I have tried to satisfy to the best of my ability. These records include medical records, proof that I served in Viet Nam, scientific evidence that exposure to Agent Orange can result in specific diseases, etc.

As proof of service, I submitted my "Notice of Separation, Form DD-214" (attached) along with an affidavit (attached) stating that certain awards and medals that I received and that were specified on the DD-214: Vietnamese Service Medal (3), Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Purple Heart (2), could only have been received as a result of combat service in Viet Nam.

In addition, I requested a copy of my service records from the Nation Personnel Records Center on March 19, 2020, Service Request Number 2-23883508505. On May 10, 2021, I received a notice from NPRC that my request was "completed". The document attached to the completion notice stated that "Due to Covid-19 protocols, we are unable to process non-emergency related requests at this time". I have tried to call NPRC in St. Louis, MO more than 20 times and only get a busy signal. Yet the VA continues to ask for "proof of service in Viet Nam".

I have submitted almost 3,000 pages of medical records covering the last 12 years of medical treatment. The VA did schedule a hearing exam last August which was completed. I have yet to have the C&P Exam scheduled to confirm the medical condition that I claim. Again, I do not have access to my military medical records so I cannot supply those.

As for the scientific evidence of the connection between Agent Orange and certain diseases, I have submitted a copy of the "Consensus Study Report of National Academy of Sciences, Veterans and Agent Orange Update 11

(2018)" issued by the Committee to Review the Health Effects in Vietnam Veterans of Exposure to Herbicides, the Board on Population Health, and the Public Health Practice Health and Medicine Division. This document was contracted for and accepted by the Department of Veterans Affairs. This study confirmed the relationship between Agent Orange exposure and Heart Disease, Prostate Cancer, and Hypertension. These are all the condition for which I am submitting this claim. One could only assume that a document which categorically states that exposure to these toxins can be considered a presumptive cause of these specific diseases, produced for and accepted by the VA would be sufficient evidence for the VA.

The latest request from the VA dated May3, 2021 includes the following:

- Statements from military medical personnel (nurses, medics, corpsmen, doctors)
- "Buddy" certificates or affidavits - (A "buddy" certificate or affidavit is a statement by a person who knew you when you were in service and knows of any disability you had while on active duty. The statement should state the dates and places they saw the condition(s) and should describe what they saw. If the person making the statement was on active duty at the time, they should show their service number and unit of assignment.)
- State or local accident and police reports
- Employment physical examinations
- Medical evidence from hospitals, clinics and private physicians by which or by whom you may have been treated after separation
- Letters written during service
- Photographs taken during service

My service in Viet Nam was 53 years ago, I doubt that I would be able to locate medical personnel that treated me at the time. Unfortunately, I never kept track of anyone that I served with and I do not understand why a "buddy's" statement would carry any more weight than my affidavit of service. I also do not understand how police rereports or employment physicals relate to my service.

As I stated, I have responded to the VA to the best of my ability. I have called the VA on numerous occasions and have been unable to get a clear understanding of what needs to be done to move this process forward. The hold up, as best I can determine, is my service records. As previously stated, I, and the VA, have been trying to get these records from the Nation Personnel Records Center to no avail. I seem to be caught in the proverbial Catch-22. The government has the records, and the government can't get these records.

Any help you can give me in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,


Eugene G. Maurice

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PERSONAL DATA		SERVICE DATA		VA AND EMP. SERVICE DATA		REMARKS		AUTHENTICATION	
1. LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE NAME MAURICE, Eugene George		2. SERVICE NUMBER 2250251		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 339 42 1524					
4. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS United States Marine Corps		5a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK Cpl	5b. PAY GRADE E-4	6. DATE OF RANK DAY MONTH YEAR 01 May 69					
7. U. S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		8. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State or Country) Chicago, Illinois		9. DATE OF BIRTH DAY MONTH YEAR 02 Jan 49					
10a. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER		10b. SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD NUMBER, CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND ZIP CODE		10c. DATE INDUCTED DAY MONTH YEAR Not Applicable					
11a. TYPE OF TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE Transferred To Marine Corps Reserve		11b. STATION OR INSTALLATION AT WHICH EFFECTED Camp Lejeune, North Carolina							
12. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND 8thMar, 2dMarDiv, WAF, CanLej, N. C.		13a. CHARACTER OF SERVICE UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS		13b. TYPE OF CERTIFICATE ISSUED None					
14. DISTRICT, AREA COMMAND OR CORPS TO WHICH RESERVIST TRANSFERRED Marine Corps Reserve Automated Services Center, Kansas City, Mo.		15. REENLISTMENT CODE RE-4							
16. TERMINAL DATE OF RESERVE/UMT'S OBLIGATION DAY MONTH YEAR 03 Jun 72		17. CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION a. SOURCE OF ENTRY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (First Enlistment) <input type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (Prior Service) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		17b. TERM OF SERVICE (Years) 4		17c. DATE OF ENTRY DAY MONTH YEAR 17 Mar 66			
18. PRIOR REGULAR ENLISTMENTS None		19. GRADE, RATE OR RANK AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SVC Private (E-1)		20. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE (City and State) Chicago, Illinois					
21. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (Street, RFD, City, County, State and ZIP Code) 714 West 82nd Street Chicago, Cook, Illinois		22. STATEMENT OF SERVICE		YEARS MONTHS DAYS					
23a. SPECIALTY NUMBER & TITLE 0331 Machine Gunner		23b. RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND D.O.T. NUMBER 0-50.54 Proof Director Small Arms (firearms)		c. CREDITABLE FOR BASIC PAY PURPOSES		d. TOTAL ACTIVE SERVICE		e. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE	
				(1) NET SERVICE THIS PERIOD 03 04 22					
				(2) OTHER SERVICE 00 01 16					
				(3) TOTAL (Line (1) plus Line (2)) 03 06 08					
				03 04 22					
				01 06 02					
24. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED National Defense Service Medal Vietnamese Service Medal w/3* Vietnamese Campaign Medal w/device Combat Action Ribbon		24. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED Marksmanship Badge Rifle (M-14) Purple Heart Medal w/1*							
25. EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPLETED High School - 2 1/2 years MAD MATTC NAS FS, TRNM - Avionics Fundamentals - 1966 USAFI GND Tests High School Level Completed 1966									
26a. NON-PAY PERIODS/TIME LOST (Preceding Two Years) 19Jan67 23May67 TL		26b. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID 21 days		27a. INSURANCE IN FORCE (NSLI or USGLI) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		27b. AMOUNT OF ALLOTMENT \$ N/A		27c. MONTH ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUED N/A	
		28. VA CLAIM NUMBER C- None		29. SERVICEMEN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
30. REMARKS Not Recommended For Reenlistment Good Conduct Medal Period Commences - 3 January 1968 (First Award) Item 10a and b information not recorded in Service Record Book									
31. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE (Street, RFD, City, County, State and ZIP Code) 14418 South Avalon Dolton, Illinois 60419		32. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED Eugene S. Maurice							
33. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER C. P. BARKER, 1stLt, USMC, PersO		34. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CP Barker							