



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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In Reply Refer To: 335/21P

XC 26 753 413

SOMMERS, Glenn Matthew

Dear Mrs. Sommers:

We made a decision on your claim for death benefits received March 5, 2015.

Every effort was made in considering your claim. This notification tells you what we decided, how we made our decision and what evidence we used to make our decision. We have also included information on what to do if you disagree with our decision and who to contact if you have questions or need assistance.

**What We Decided**

We denied your claim for dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), death pension and accrued benefits.

**How Did We Make Our Decision?**

We have enclosed a copy of your Rating Decision for your review. It provides a detailed explanation of our decision to deny DIC, the evidence considered and the reasons for our decision. Your Rating Decision and this letter constitute our decision based on your claim received on March 5, 2015. It represents all claims we understood to be specifically made, implied, or inferred in that claim.

The evidence shows your countable income of [REDACTED] effective April 1, 2015 exceeds the maximum annual death pension limit set by law.

The income limit for a surviving spouse with no dependent(s) is \$8,630.00.

	Annual Earnings	Annual Social Security	Annual Retirement	Annual Other Sources
[REDACTED]				



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**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.

**If You Have Questions or Need Assistance**

<b>If you</b>	<b>Here is what to do.</b>
Telephone	Call us at 1-877-294-6380. If you use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal number is 711.
Use the Internet	Send electronic inquiries through the Internet at <a href="https://iris.va.gov">https://iris.va.gov</a> .
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 26 753 413.

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

We sent a copy of this letter to your representative, Disabled American Veterans, whom you can also contact if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Director  
Regional Office

Enclosure(s): Rating Decision  
VA Form 21-8416  
VA Form 21-0518-1  
VA Form 21-0510  
VA Form 4107

cc: DAV

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**Glenn Sommers**

**VA File Number  
267 53 413**

**Represented By:  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

**Rating Decision  
07/21/2015**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The records reflect that GLENN M. SOMMERS was a veteran of the Vietnam Era and Peacetime. The veteran served in the Air Force from December 21, 1956 to March 31, 1971. We received a request to reopen a previous claim on March 5, 2015. Based on a review of the evidence listed below, we have made the following decision(s) on your claim.

### **DECISION**

Service connection for cause of death remains denied.

### **EVIDENCE**

- The veteran's complete VA claims file to include service treatment records and personnel records, from December 21, 1956 through March 31, 1971
- VA Form 21-534, DIC, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child, received March 5, 2015
- Private Treatment Records, received March 5, 2015
- Service Personnel Records, received March 5, 2015

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Therefore, the previous denial of service connection for the cause of the Veteran's death is confirmed and continued because the current evidence fails to show that the Veteran's death was related to his military service.

**REFERENCES:**

Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Pensions, Bonuses and Veterans' Relief contains the regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs which govern entitlement to all veteran benefits. For additional information regarding applicable laws and regulations, please consult your local library, or visit us at our web site, [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).