



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.
Glenn M. Sommers	[REDACTED]	C/CSS - 267 53 413

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

Re: Rating decision 7/12/15: "Service connection for cause of death remains denied" and "Prior to death, the Veteran was not rated service-connected for any conditions."

Response: 1. My husband began treatment for prostate cancer with the Veterans Administration medical center from at least as early as 1986 and continuing until he died 8-9-91. In 1991, my husband's cancer and health conditions had not yet been classified as "Presumptive Service Connected Condition" related to his exposure to toxic herbicides in Thailand, let alone Vietnam. Therefore, the Veteran COULD NOT even apply for service connected benefits. Further, exposure to toxic herbicides in Thailand was not determined to be compensable until 2015. The last application for benefits that I made in 2004 was denied because I could not prove my husband's "boots on the ground" in Vietnam for the exposure and "Presumptive Service Connected Condition." Major Glenn M. Sommers served at the Royal Thai Airforce Base in Thailand from 1969 to 1971. He lived in the officers quarters aka. "Hootches" with open screen windows and within the herbicide drift zone. He spent much of his duties on the tarmac, at the perimeter and in constant exposure to the toxic herbicides used at that Air Force base. There is a direct link between my husband's cancer, congestive heart failure, and his exposure to herbicides in Thailand 15 years before his diagnosis. 3. Attached are 2 of Major Glenn Sommers Officer Performance Reports and other supplemental information supportive of my husband's work and life at the Thailand base including supervision of the enlisted men's housing, all within the perimeter and direct toxic herbicide drift zone. 3. I need further assistance with my appeal as the Reno DAV is not available until September 1, 2016.

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

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