

VA DISABILITY CLAIM SUMMARY

Claim number C26 917 796

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I served in the Air Force from 1968 – 1974

I was stationed at Takhli Royal Thai Air base 1969 – 70

I was a 301X1 Airborne Navigational Aids Electronics Technician. My duties included over 50% of my duty day working on the flight line troubleshooting and repairing airplanes.

My claim consisted of the following four parts:

1. Diabetes Mellitus Type II – claim denied
Diagnosed in 2004
2. Toe Tumor – claim denied
A Toe with a malignant Granular Cell tumor was amputated in late 1998. A second operation which included a skin graft was performed to provide “clear margins” in early 1999. Both Radiation and Chemotherapy Oncologists were consulted. I was monitored for tumor recurrence by my physician for three years after my second surgery.
3. Tinnitus – claim approved
4. Hearing Loss -I did not submit a claim for hearing loss. This was added by the Seattle VA environmental coordinator as part of the Tinnitus claim.

05-16-2011	Claim received by the VA
09-19-2011	Initial claim denial
10-18-2011	De Novo review request received by the VA
09-24-2012	Individual Health Benefits Handbook received; Page 7 of the Handbook indicates I am <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 10% serviced connected2. Determined to be a Vietnam-era herbicide exposed Veteran
02-05-2014	De Novo appeal denial received
03-17-2014	I sent the VA two Statements in Support of Claim (Form 21-4138). The first form was requesting a local hearing with a Seattle VARO or a VTC with a BVA member. The second form was additional information concerning a TDY from Takhli RTAB to Clark AB Philippines transiting Saigon, Vietnam.