



January 2, 2009

To whom it may concern:

I have had the opportunity to review the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) benefits received by Timothy B. Nolan. Mr. Nolan is currently in receipt of Improved Pension benefits.

Improved Pension is a poverty level income based benefit for veterans that served during a war-time period. Additionally, the veteran must have a disease or disorder that DVA determines to be of such a nature or extent as to justify a determination that persons suffering from that disease or disorder are permanently and totally disabled. This benefit was granted effective June 1, 2006, based on the fact that the veteran had no reported income and the following disabilities:

- Multiple Sclerosis
- A neurogenic bladder condition
- Weakness of all extremities
- A spinal injury

DVA decision dated September 7, 2006 determined that the veteran was disabled and unable to work, due to the above listed conditions. The Improved Pension benefit is granted based on the determined disabilities and the veterans' income and assets. This benefit is for veterans that have an income that is at the national poverty limits and is evaluated on a yearly basis to see if the income of the veteran had changed. This benefit is very restricted and if the income of the veteran changes, then the amount of pension received is reduced.

On August 6, 2007, the DVA determined that Mr. Nolan was entitled to Special Monthly Pension, based on the need for Aid and Attendance. The evidence demonstrated that Mr. Nolan has loss of use of both feet and requires assistance with transfers and requires a lift for a scooter.

Additionally, the evidence demonstrated that Mr. Nolan has tremors and requires assistance with his daily living activities, which include bathing and tending to routine hygiene needs.

I trust you will find all to be in order; however, should you require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Wounded Warrior Project

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Roberts", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Roberts
National Service Director

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The greatest casualty is being forgotten.

