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Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
Mr. Robert A. McDonald
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During the past few year my husband, Gilbert Dickson, an honorably discharged veteran of the Air force has been struck with several significant medical issues including a stroke, heart attack, diminished kidney function and dementia. Gilbert worked in the airfields and on planes returning from Korea during his active duty. Confronted with numerous medical conditions, doctors at the VA as well Morris Town Hospital suggested that some of my husband's health issues may be related to direct exposure to dangerous chemicals during his service.

Navigating the bureaucracy of obtaining medical benefits for veterans has proven to be a daunting and overwhelming. My husband and I have made little progress to that end. After months of endless paperwork, my husband and I were unable to receive medical benefits that are provided to all war veterans. While searching for assistance from the American Disabled Veterans, we encountered Veteran Service Officer, Vic Griguoli, who was instrumental in guiding us through the process of obtaining the veterans benefits that my husband is seeking. He has taken the time to understand my husband's situation and then guided us through the process accordingly. Mr. Griguoli has put a human face into a tedious rigid process. Although the process is not completed, my husband and I felt that we have made progress with Mr. Griguoli's assistance.

I am looking forward to the conclusion of this process but we will always be thankful for the assistance of VSO Vic Griguoli, at the American Disabled Veterans, VA in Lyon, New Jersey.

Sincerely,


Gilbert and Anita Dickson

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