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SUPPORTING STATEMENT REGARDING MARRIAGE

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Respondent Burden: We need this information to determine eligibility for benefits based on a marital relationship between the claimant and the veteran (38 U.S.C. 101, 103, and 1102). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 20 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/library/OMBINVC.html#VA. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 and give your comments or ask for mailing information on where to send your comments.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete all items. Your answer to every question is important to help us complete the claimant's claim. If you do not know the answer, write "unknown." For additional space, use Item 17, "Remarks," or attach a separate sheet, indicating the item number to which the answers apply.

1. FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - LAST NAME OF VETERAN	2. FILE NUMBER C/CSS-	3. FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - LAST NAME OF CLAIMANT (SPOUSE OR SURVIVING SPOUSE)
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4A. NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM	4B. ADDRESS OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM
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I understand that this statement will be considered in connection with an application for VA benefits based on a marital relationship between the veteran and the person named in Item 3.

5A. WHAT WAS/IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE VETERAN? (<i>Parent, child, brother, sister, etc. If not related, state "None"</i>)	5B. WHAT WAS/IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CLAIMANT? (<i>Parent, child, brother, sister, etc. If not related, state "None"</i>)	6A. HOW LONG HAD/HAVE YOU KNOWN THE VETERAN? (<i>Months, years</i>)	6B. HOW LONG HAD/HAVE YOU KNOWN THE CLAIMANT? (<i>Months, years</i>)
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7A. HOW OFTEN HAD/HAVE YOU MET THE VETERAN?	7B. ON WHAT OCCASION(S) HAD/HAVE YOU MET THE VETERAN?
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7C. HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU MET THE CLAIMANT?	7D. ON WHAT OCCASIONS HAVE YOU MET THE CLAIMANT?
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8. WERE/ARE THE VETERAN AND THE CLAIMANT GENERALLY KNOWN AS HUSBAND AND WIFE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9. DID/DO EITHER THE VETERAN OR CLAIMANT EVER DENY THE MARRIAGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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10A. DID/DO YOU CONSIDER THE VETERAN AND THE CLAIMANT TO BE HUSBAND AND WIFE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (<i>If "Yes," complete Item 10B</i>)	10B. FACT AND REASONS FOR SUCH BELIEF (<i>If necessary use "REMARKS" section on reverse and key answers to item number</i>)
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11. NAME(S) BY WHICH CLAIMANT WAS/IS KNOWN	
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME

12A. HAD/HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE VETERAN OR THE CLAIMANT REFER TO EACH OTHER AS HUSBAND AND WIFE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (<i>If "Yes," complete Items 12B and 12C</i>)

12B. DATE	12C. PLACE

13A. DID/DO THE VETERAN AND THE CLAIMANT MAINTAIN A HOME AND LIVE TOGETHER AS HUSBAND AND WIFE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (<i>If "Yes," complete Item 13B</i>)
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13B. PERIODS OF TIME AND PLACES WHERE THE VETERAN AND THE CLAIMANT HAD/HAVE LIVED TOGETHER			
BEGINNING DATE	ENDING DATE	CITY OR TOWN	STATE

14A. HAD/HAVE THE VETERAN AND THE CLAIMANT LIVED TOGETHER CONTINUOUSLY?

YES NO (If "Yes," complete Item 14B)

14B. EXPLANATION

15A. HAD/HAS THE VETERAN EVER ENTERED INTO ANY OTHER MARRIAGE(S)?

YES NO (If "Yes," complete Item 15B)

15B. OTHER MARRIAGES OF VETERAN

TO WHOM MARRIED	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE	TYPE OF MARRIAGE (Ceremonial, etc.)	HOW MARRIAGE ENDED (Death, divorce, etc.)	DATE AND PLACE MARRIAGE ENDED

16A. HAS THE CLAIMANT EVER ENTERED INTO ANY OTHER MARRIAGE(S)?

YES NO (If "Yes," complete Item 16B)

16B. OTHER MARRIAGES OF CLAIMANT

TO WHOM MARRIED	DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE	TYPE OF MARRIAGE (Ceremonial, etc.)	HOW MARRIAGE ENDED (Death, divorce, etc.)	DATE AND PLACE MARRIAGE ENDED

17. REMARKS

CERTIFICATION

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

18A. SIGNATURE

18B. DATE SIGNED

18C. DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)

18D. EVENING TELEPHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)

WITNESS TO SIGNATURE IF MADE BY "X" MARK

NOTE: Signature by mark must be witnessed by two persons to whom the signer is personally known and the signature and addresses of the witnesses must be entered below.

19A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

19B. ADDRESS OF WITNESS

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