

To Whom It May Concern.

I enlisted in the Army in March 1971 and discharged in 1974, I put in a claim I 2008 roughly and had nothing but trouble from the Review Board and D.V.A. and from the N.S.W Veteran Service in Sydney in 2008 who said that the claim I put in was not entitle under the V.E.A. they never looked at my records and would have found out I was ready was, and the Hume Veteran Service where I was insulted by an Ex Army officer which I still have the paper work and from that they stopped working on my case as I would retract my statement, two other service Advocates one who even insulted my Doctor at the time who said he can sue him over what he said about him.

Now since then the N.S.W. Veterans Service in Sydney did nothing in 2008 and I had heard nothing either from them or even D.V.A. since then for over 16 years and i never cancelled the claim from anyone, now that is ridiculous.

And in the Review Board had already made a discussion before I was interviewed with them and they had a written reply to me in 1 ½ hours later, they NEVER even read my files.

I worked on equipment that came back from Vietnam covered in red dirt which I was told by the other soldiers at [REDACTED] that it would been in the field had been sprayed with Asia Orange, but not from D.V.A, they would really would not know.

So what makes you think that you are going to get it right this time around as there have been other inquiries into the Veterans before and nothing much happen back then either.

The people who do these claims should be employed who served from each conflict were possible as they would know what it was going at the time and not someone under age person who really has no idea what so ever.

I was told by a D.V.A. rep that when I turned 70 I would receive a Gold card which is again B.S. so you see it is not what you are trying to change the legislation it will not make much difference as who looks at it to decide the out come.

The rest is what I had to put with it over the years and it is still going on.

I ask for legal service while I was in the Army and was denied it even thou I was entitled to it and I was never allowed to finish my trade which I was employed for so that alone means a breach of contract which both parties signed.

At recruit training I seen recruits pushed into the pool to swim when they could not, lucky no one drowned.

It also took me four goes to leave the Army and that only happen after I was in trouble with the Civilian Authorities it happen and I also found out from my service records that I was going to be transfer elsewhere but never was told about it, I was discharge in November 1974 but the transfer was in I June that same year, if I was told back then more than likely i would not have been in trouble and insulted by an officer back at [REDACTED] then it also started from recruit training

Now for the sore point I did 3 years and 8 months roughly and I am not entitled to any awards at all as I had to do 4 years out of 6 years But if you signed up for 3 years you received one, if you did 3 months of National Service you was awarded and if you

went to Vietnam for one bloody day you was awarded, what a joke that was and a insult to the others who went there longer, as fact was in the [REDACTED] attached to the Number One Task Force.

I should been able to be awarded for support for Vietnam Support Medal along with others who serve at that time in the Task Force, a Service Metal and one for a Volunteer medal which should be made as a lot of us did so, other wise it was all for nothing, I was told the awards people that and I quote [we cannot give metals to everyone].

I do have disability pension from D.V.A. for hearing loss and again I was told that they not give more than that is 50%, when I have been tested the reading were up But when they adjust it at D.V.A. I lose out, it was always put less were it should have been more.

You might be wandering what all this is about in fact it all adds up for bad service from the D.V.A. and others, one person said that I should have given up smoking as it was printed on the packet but back then it was not, my last claim was for reflux, when I started with it the D.V.A. sent my information to a Doctor who claimed that I did not have reflux at all, so I spent my own money and went to Sydney to see a specialists [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Hospital in Sydney who proved other wise, he wrote a paper on it.

All of this is on record and still no one careless, I also know someone who is worst off than me in hearing and was told by D.V.A. that he was not eligible even thou he was in Armour [Tanks etc] he just gave up on any help far as I know now.

Just one last thing and that is that Disability Pension from D.V.A. up to 100% should not be income tested at all as I also receive Age Pension and when I receive a pay rise from D.V.A. Centre Link adjust it so I get less, one year I received \$1 rise from D.V.A. and by the time Centre Link got to I ended up with 47 cents and they sent me a letter letting m know about it, that cost more than the pay rise.

That way we would be better off and be able to do more than just stay at home, that alone would make a very big difference how we are treated.

Still I do not see anything come out of this enquiry at all.

You might say that this is not what you are looking for but it all adds up so can try get it right.

You never be able to fix the problem if you do not understand what really went on back and now, I even contacted a lawyer in Sydney for help and all he was after is for the one who did later service and was now interested what went before even thou he runs an add for service people to help them, what a joke he turned out to be.

So you see try and get help with things and you have to fight everyone all the time and sometimes it is not wroth the effort to continue with it so that is why a lot just give up on doing so, N.S.W. Veterans Service was just a waste of my time and money and even at the time the N.S.W. R.S.L. would not help when I went to the main office a total of B.S. from all parties concern , it cost me over \$1800 to go there for help.

I am 71 now and I really do give much hope what you are trying to do.

As for the R.S.L. they did even recognised my farther when he die in [REDACTED] and he serve in [REDACTED] and now I have nothing to do with them over other one sided issues they have.

Best Regards

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