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Dear Mr. O'Dowd:

This letter is not intended to serve as your official notification from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). You will receive an official decision from the VA upon completion of necessary administrative procedures. The VA reserves the right to modify the decision prior to your official notification. The VA's letter will inform you of the current monetary monthly and retroactive benefits to which you are entitled.

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has reviewed the most recent VA decision concerning your claim for benefits. A combined evaluation of 100% plus entitlement to benefits at the 100 percent rate due to individual unemployability has been assigned to you based on the following action(s):

1. Evaluation of residuals, bladder cancer with interstitial cystitis, prostatic hyperplasia (BPH), chronic prostatitis, ureter stricture, and urinary tract infections [claimed as prostate cancer], which is currently 40 percent disabling, is increased to 60 percent effective August 2, 2017.
2. Service connection for neuropathy, left lower extremity is granted with an evaluation of 20 percent effective August 2, 2017.
3. Service connection for neuropathy, right lower extremity is granted with an evaluation of 20 percent effective August 2, 2017.
4. Service connection for neuropathy, left upper extremity is granted with an evaluation of 10 percent effective August 2, 2017.
5. Service connection for neuropathy, right upper extremity [major] is granted with an evaluation of 10 percent effective August 2, 2017.

If satisfied with this decision, no further action is necessary. If you disagree with any part of this decision, you may file what is called a Notice of Disagreement (NOD) to initiate an appeal or present additional evidence and request reconsideration of the decision. Once you receive the official VA notification letter, you have one year from its date to file a NOD or request reconsideration. The DAV may provide representation throughout either process. Prior to filing a NOD or requesting reconsideration, we request that you contact your local DAV National Service Office (NSO), which can be found by visiting our website [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org). In most cases reconsideration based on additional evidence is the fastest way to receive a new decision.

You may be entitled to life insurance from the VA. You will be notified of your specific eligibility in the near future. Please complete and return the enclosed VA Form 29-4364, and we will submit it for consideration.

Once you receive your VA decision, please feel free to contact this office with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert O'Dowd

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National Service Officer

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Enclosure(s):  
VA Form 29-4364

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