



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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January 15, 2010

The Spokesman Review
ATTN: Kevin Graman
West 999 Riverside Avenue
Spokane, WA 99201

Dear Mr. Graman:

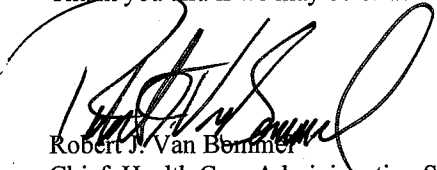
This is in response to your January 8, 2010 updated Freedom of Information Act request concerning information pertaining to veteran suicides and suicide attempts during the period of July 2008 through the present, including their ages, years of military service, branch of military service and whether they were veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. You also requested that we include the dates of the completed or attempted suicides including those pertaining to your previous request.

A review of our records indicates that the attached information meets the criteria you outlined with regard to veteran suicides and attempted suicides. Of note, we are unable to provide you with the number of years of military service as our records may only contain one of numerous periods of service necessary to establish eligibility.

Should you disagree with our decision you may file an appeal to the following address:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel
810 Vermont Avenue
Washington, DC 20420

Thank you and if we may be of additional assistance to you in this matter, please contact me at (509) 434-7500.


Robert J. Van Bommel
Chief, Health Care Administration Service
Privacy Officer / Freedom of Information Act Officer

