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**SUPPORTING STATEMENT REGARDING MARRIAGE**

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**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. See page 2 for mailing information.

1. VETERAN/BENEFICIARY'S NAME *(First, Middle Initial, Last)*

2A. VETERAN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER — —	2B. VA FILE NUMBER <i>(If applicable)</i> <b>C/CSS-</b>
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3. CLAIMED SPOUSE OR SURVIVING SPOUSE'S NAME *(First, Middle Initial, Last)*

4A. NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM *(First, Middle Initial, Last)*

4B. ADDRESS OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM *(Number and street, P.O. or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)*

No. & Street  
 Apt./Unit Number City  
 State/Province Country ZIP Code/Postal Code —

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 CLAIMED SPOUSE? <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 CLAIMED SPOUSE? <i>(Months, years)</i>
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7A. HOW OFTEN HAD/HAVE YOU VISITED THE VETERAN?	7B. ON WHAT OCCASION(S) HAD/HAVE YOU VISITED THE VETERAN?
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7C. HOW OFTEN HAD/HAVE YOU VISITED THE CLAIMED SPOUSE?	7D. ON WHAT OCCASIONS HAVE YOU MET THE CLAIMED SPOUSE?
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8. WERE/ARE THE VETERAN AND THE CLAIMED SPOUSE GENERALLY KNOWN AS MARRIED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9. DID/DO EITHER THE VETERAN OR CLAIMED SPOUSE 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 CLAIMED SPOUSE TO BE MARRIED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(If "Yes," complete Item 10B)</i>	10B. PROVIDE FACTS AND REASONS FOR SUCH BELIEF <i>(If additional space needed use Item 17, "Remarks")</i>
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11. NAME(S) BY WHICH SPOUSE WAS/IS KNOWN

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME

12A. HAD/HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THE VETERAN OR THE CLAIMED SPOUSE REFER TO EACH OTHER AS MARRIED TO ONE ANOTHER?  
 YES  NO *(If "Yes," complete Items 12B and 12C)*

12B. DATE <i>(MM/DD/YYYY)</i>	12C. PLACE

13A. DID/DO THE VETERAN AND THE CLAIMED SPOUSE MAINTAIN A HOME AND LIVE TOGETHER AS MARRIED TO ONE ANOTHER?  
 YES  NO (If "Yes," complete Item 13B)

13B. PERIODS OF TIME AND PLACES WHERE THE VETERAN AND THE CLAIMED SPOUSE HAD/HAVE LIVED TOGETHER			
BEGINNING DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	ENDING DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	CITY OR TOWN	STATE

14A. HAD/HAVE THE VETERAN AND THE CLAIMED SPOUSE 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 (MM/DD/YYYY) AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE	TYPE OF MARRIAGE (Ceremonial, etc.)	HOW MARRIAGE ENDED (Death, divorce, etc.)	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) AND PLACE MARRIAGE ENDED

16A. HAS THE CLAIMED SPOUSE EVER ENTERED INTO ANY OTHER MARRIAGE(S)?  
 YES  NO (If "Yes," complete Item 16B)

16B. OTHER MARRIAGES OF CLAIMED SPOUSE				
TO WHOM MARRIED	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE	TYPE OF MARRIAGE (Ceremonial, etc.)	HOW MARRIAGE ENDED (Death, divorce, etc.)	DATE (MM/DD/YYYY) AND PLACE MARRIAGE ENDED

17. REMARKS (If any)

**CERTIFICATION**

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

18A. SIGNATURE (Sign in ink)	18B. DATE SIGNED (MM/DD/YYYY)
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18C. DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)	18D. EVENING TELEPHONE NUMBER (Including Area Code)
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**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 (Sign in ink)	19B. ADDRESS OF WITNESS
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