## FOR VA DISABILTY CLAIM DENIALS CALL



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• Mr. Kruger joins the Veteran's Legal Center after an extensive 24-year career in the USAF where he

served in both the enlisted and officer corps, with deployments for OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/STORM as well as OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

• Upon retirement, Mr. Kruger continued his service with the Department of Veteran Affairs as a Rating Veteran Service Representative (RVSR) for nearly a decade in the San Diego Regional Office, where he gained expert knowledge in the application of the United States Code (USC), 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 3 and 4, and internal VA guidance (Live Manual and Policy letters).

• This allows Mr. Kruger to utilize his extensive knowledge of the VA disability compensation system to determine whether the Veteran received the correct disability compensation which corresponds to the veteran's demonstrated level of disability based on a review of the evidence using the totality of his areas of expertise.

- His Areas of Expertise include the following:
- Appeals of denials for service-connection of injuries or illnesses resulting from military service
- Service-connection for presumptive conditions related to Agent Orange, Military Burn Pits, Camp LeJeune Water Exposure
- Service-connection for presumptive conditions covered under the PACT Act
- Temporary Disability for Individual Unemployability (TDIU) appeals
- Dependency Indemnity Compensation appeals
- Application for increased evaluation of service-connected conditions
- □ Initial application for service-connection