**Using the sample rating below, generate the appropriate decision notification.**

**Sample Rating Decision - 2**

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Regional Office**

**1 VETERAN’S AVENUE**

**HOMETOWN USA**

**Henry Veteran**

**VA File Number**

**xxxxxxxxx**

**Represented by:**

**MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART**

**Rating Decision**

**MM/DD/YYYY**

**INTRODUCTION**

The records reflect that you are a Veteran of the Gulf War. You served in the Navy from 04/01/1992 to 04/01/2003. We received an original pension claim from you on January 3, 2019. Based on the review of the evidence listed below, we have made the following decision on your claim.

**DECISION**

1 . Entitlement to nonservice-connected pension is granted.

2 . Entitlement to special monthly pension based on the need for aid and attendance is established effective January 3, 2019.

**EVIDENCE**

1. VA Form 21P-527EZ, Application for Veterans Pension, received January 3, 2019
2. Duty to assist development letter, dated January 10, 2019
3. VA examination (VAE) dated January 23, 2019.
4. Treatment records from VAMC for the period from 10-10-2017 to 12-12-2018.

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

**1. Entitlement to nonservice-connected pension.**

Review of the available records note you are unable to secure and follow a substantially gainful occupation due to your disability. You are 60 years old, have a level of education reported as high school, and last worked in 2019 as a mechanic. The evidence shows that you are permanently and totally disabled due to your disability of coronary artery disease.

**2. Entitlement to Special Monthly Pension based on the need for aid and attendance.**

The evidence shows that you need daily assistance in performing routine activities of daily life. Treatment records from Dr. Seuss noted you are wheelchair bound due to your coronary artery disease, and need assistance with your activities of daily living. Entitlement to special monthly pension because of the need for aid and attendance is established.

**REFERENCES:**

Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Pensions, Bonuses and Veterans' Relief contains the regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs which govern entitlement to all veteran benefits. For additional information regarding applicable laws and regulations, please consult your local library, or visit us at our web site, www.va.gov.

| **ACTIVE DUTY** |
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| **EOD** | **RAD** | **BRANCH** | **CHARACTER OF DISCHARGE**  |
| 04/01/1992 | 04/01/2003 | Navy | Honorable  |

| **LEGACY CODES** |
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| **ADD’L SVC****CODE** | **COMBAT** **CODE** | **SPECIALPROV CDE** | **FUTURE EXAM****DATE**  |
|   | 1 |  | None |

**JURISDICTION:** Original Pension Claim Received 01/03/2019

**ASSOCIATED CLAIM(s):** 180; Original Pension; 01/03/2019

**PENSION ENTITLEMENT DECISIONS (2 PT, 9 NOT PT, 11A, and 11B)**

Permanent and Total for NSC from 01/03/2019

***SPECIAL MONTHLY PENSION:***

Veteran A&A - Not At Government Expense from 01/03/2019

**DISABILITIES CONSIDERED FOR PENSION PURPOSES ONLY**

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| 7005 | CORONARY ARTERY DISEASEPension100% |

***COMBINED EVALUATION FOR PENSION*** ***:*** 100%

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|  | Rating VSR |  |  |

**After reviewing the file and the rating, you notice that on the application the Veteran indicated that he is in receipt of $950.00 SSA each month, and his dependent spouse receives $1200.00 SSA, monthly; however, no additional information was provided. The Veteran did not provide a marriage certificate with his application, nor the date of marriage, and he also indicated that he has been married before as the name of the former spouse is listed, but no date of termination was provided. Medical expenses have totaled $11,000 each year for the Veteran, there were none listed for the spouse.**