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Hello Doug,

Receiving an award with or without a 'V' device (for Valor), even not receiving an award at all, has nothing to do with submitting a VA disability claim for PTSD from your service during operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Provide Comfort. That is pure Bull Shit. It sounds to me like you should see your local VFW representative. Look up the VFW in the phone book for your local area. They will definitely be able to assist you in processing your claim. That is one of the things they do and are very good at helping with VA claims. If you have been to any doctors, civilian or military and they checked (you out) and diagnosed you with PTSD caused by the war, get a copy of the doctors report to

submit with the VA paperwork. That is all the proof you need to get the ball rolling. Get a copy of your DD-214 (Honorable Discharge) to submit as well. Your DD-214 will have proof of exactly when you were in the Gulf War.

Mr. Douglas O. Nance was a Staff Sergeant and served as an Ammunition Platoon Section Chief as member of 'A' Battery 40th FA during the complete period of time the unit was conducting combat operations against Iraq in Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Provide Comfort from Dec. 1990 to June 1991. Mr. Nance was leading his section in supplying ammunition to the firing Platoons, making constant trips back and forth to the main battle area during movement to contact and offensive and defensive operations.

During the battles, our unit ('A' Battery 40th Field Artillery) saw much destruction, devastation and death.

Mr. Nance also led his convoy through the area known as the Death Mile! Death Strip at the Iraq! Kuwait border shortly after it was carpet bombed by the US Air Force to stop the fleeing Iraqi units attempting to escape back across the border to Iraq. This area had mine fields on both sides of the road to prevent anyone from leaving the main road. The road itself was littered with destroyed vehicles and dead and dying enemy personnel when he went through it.

Mr. Nance was also approximately 20 kilometers away from Khamisiyah, Iraq when the chemical weapons supply depot was destroyed by US Forces. Mr. Nance was also at the Iraqi - Kuwait border area where the unit was set up at the end of combat operations for 45 days. From the unit location you could count 38 oil well fires. The smoke from these oil well fires was so thick that it totally blocked out the sun during all day light hours for the entire 45 days. If you need anything else, please let me know.

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