

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cv-01298-RC**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS v.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

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Date Terminated: 07/30/2024
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/11/2021	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (Filing fee \$ 402 receipt number ADCDC–8442290) filed by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Request to Department of Vetean Affairs, # <u>3</u> Summons Request to U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons Request to U.S. Attorneys Office)(Strugar, Matthew) (Main Document 1 flattened and replaced on 5/13/2021) (ztnr). (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS (Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/12/2021		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>1</u> Complaint; emailed to matthew@matthewstrugar.com, cc'd 1 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Blank or missing coversheet. Please use the cover sheet at https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/new-case-forms & file using the event Civil Cover Sheet., 2. Form filed as fillable PDF. Please file form in a non-fillable PDF format., 3. COMPLIANCE DEADLINE is by close of business today. This case will not proceed any further until all errors are satisfied. (zsb,) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/13/2021		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>1</u> Complaint; emailed to matthew@matthewstrugar.com, cc'd 1 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Blank or missing coversheet. Please use the cover sheet at https://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/new-case-forms & file using the event Civil Cover Sheet., 2. Form filed as fillable PDF. Please file form in a non-fillable PDF format., 3. COMPLIANCE DEADLINE is by close of business today. This case will not proceed any further until all errors are satisfied. (zsb,) (Entered: 05/13/2021)
05/14/2021	<u>3</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. Related document: <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS.(Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
05/17/2021		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras and Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zsb) (Entered: 05/17/2021)
05/17/2021	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(adh,) (Entered: 05/17/2021)
06/22/2021	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Stephen DeGenaro on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 06/22/2021)
06/22/2021	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Respond to the Complaint</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 06/22/2021)

06/22/2021		MINUTE ORDER: granting <u>6</u> Defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to the Complaint. It is hereby ORDERED that the Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before August 6, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/22/2021. (lcr2) (Entered: 06/22/2021)
08/06/2021	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/06/2021	<u>8</u>	STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 08/06/2021)
08/13/2021	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance– Pro Bono by Sunita Patel on behalf of All Plaintiffs (Patel, Sunita) (Entered: 08/13/2021)
08/16/2021	<u>10</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Courtney Bachman, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–8670582. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Patel, Sunita) (Entered: 08/16/2021)
08/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER: denying without prejudice <u>10</u> Motion for Leave to Appear <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> . The declaration in support of the motion for admission <i>pro hac vice</i> does not comply with all relevant local rules. An application for admission <i>pro hac vice</i> must additionally state in the declaration a certification that the attorney either has or has not been disciplined by any bar, and if the attorney has been disciplined by any bar, the circumstances and details of the discipline" (D.D.C. Civ. R. 83.2(d)(4)). It is hereby ORDERED that the <u>10</u> Motion for Leave to Appear <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> is DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/16/2021. (lcr2) (Entered: 08/16/2021)
08/18/2021	<u>11</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Courtney Bachman, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–8677423. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Patel, Sunita) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/18/2021		MINUTE ORDER: granting <u>11</u> Motion for Leave to Appear <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> . Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2, it is hereby ORDERED that Courtney Bachman is admitted <i>pro hac vice</i> in this case. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for instructions. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/18/2021. (lcr2) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
09/02/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> Defendant's Status Report and Proposed Schedule, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit a joint status report on or before October 5, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 9/2/2021. (lcr2) (Entered: 09/02/2021)
09/03/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/5/2021. (zgdf) (Entered: 09/03/2021)
10/05/2021	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 10/05/2021)
10/06/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>12</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before December 6, 2021. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 10/06/2021. (lcr2) (Entered: 10/06/2021)
10/07/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report on or before 12/6/2021. (zgdf) (Entered: 10/07/2021)
12/06/2021	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(DeGenaro, Stephen) (Entered: 12/06/2021)
12/06/2021		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before February 4, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/6/2021.

		(lcrc2) (Entered: 12/06/2021)
12/25/2021	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Bradley Silverman on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Substituting for attorney Stephen DeGenaro (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 12/25/2021)
02/03/2022	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 02/03/2022)
02/03/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern dispositive motions briefing in this matter: Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, or alternatively for Summary Judgment, shall be filed on or before April 1, 2022; Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Motion and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment shall be filed on or before May 6, 2022; Defendant's Reply in Support of Motion to Dismiss, or Alternatively for Summary Judgment, and Response to Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment shall be filed on or before June 10, 2022; and Plaintiff's Reply in Support of Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment shall be filed on or before July 1, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2/3/2022. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/03/2022)
03/29/2022	<u>16</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Motion for Summary Judgment And Subsequent Briefing</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
03/29/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>16</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED, and that the briefing schedule is modified as follows: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment is due on or before April 8, 2022; Plaintiff's Response and Cross-Motion is due on or before May 13, 2022; Defendant's Response and Reply is due on or before June 17, 2022; and Plaintiff's Reply is due on or before July 8, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/29/2022. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/29/2022)
04/01/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 4/8/2022; Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 5/13/2022; Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 6/17/2022; Cross Motions due by 5/13/2022; Response to Cross Motions due by 6/17/2022. Reply to Cross Motions due by 7/8/2022. (tj) (Entered: 04/01/2022)
04/08/2022	<u>17</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Move for Summary Judgment</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/08/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>17</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED, and that the briefing schedule is modified as follows: Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment is due on or before April 11, 2022; Plaintiff's Response and Cross-Motion is due on or before May 16, 2022; Defendant's Response and Reply is due on or before June 20, 2022; and Plaintiff's Reply is due on or before July 11, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/8/22. (lcrc2) (Entered: 04/08/2022)
04/11/2022	<u>18</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Ruthlee Gowins-Bellamy, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 04/11/2022)
05/13/2022	<u>19</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Plaintiff's Response to Motion and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 05/13/2022)
05/13/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>19</u> Consent Motion to Extend Deadline: It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is granted, and that the briefing schedule is modified as follows: Plaintiff's Response and Cross-Motion is due on or before May 30, 2022; Defendant's Response and Reply is due on or before July 5, 2022; and Plaintiff's Reply is due on or before July 26, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/13/2022. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/13/2022)

05/31/2022	<u>20</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>18</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Courtney Bachman, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Matthew Strugar, # <u>4</u> Plaintiff's Evidentiary Objections)(Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
05/31/2022	<u>21</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support of Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Courtney Bachman, # <u>4</u> Declaration of Matthew Strugar, # <u>5</u> Plaintiff's Evidentiary Objections, # <u>6</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 05/31/2022)
07/05/2022	<u>22</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Extend Reply/Cross-Response Deadline By Three Days</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
07/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>22</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED, and that Defendant's combined Reply and Opposition is due on or before July 8, 2022. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/5/2022. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/05/2022)
07/06/2022	<u>23</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>18</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Second Declaration of Ruthlee Gowins-Bellamy, # <u>2</u> Exhibits A-B)(Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 07/06/2022)
07/06/2022	<u>24</u>	RESPONSE re <u>21</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Second Declaration of Ruthlee Gowins-Bellamy, # <u>2</u> Exhibits A-B)(Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 07/06/2022)
07/11/2022	<u>25</u>	ERRATA <i>Regarding Second Declaration of Ruthlee Gowins-Bellamy</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS re <u>24</u> Response to motion filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, <u>23</u> Reply to opposition to Motion filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Second Declaration of Ruthlee Gowins-Bellamy)(Silverman, Bradley) (Entered: 07/11/2022)
07/26/2022	<u>26</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>21</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 07/26/2022)
10/31/2022	<u>27</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by Christina O'Tousa on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Substituting for attorney Bradley G. Silverman (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 10/31/2022)
11/09/2022	<u>28</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Courtney Michelle Bachman on behalf of NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS (Bachman, Courtney) (Entered: 11/09/2022)
11/18/2022	<u>29</u>	ORDER denying <u>18</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and granting in part and denying in part <u>21</u> Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/18/22. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/18/2022)
11/18/2022	<u>30</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION denying <u>18</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and granting in part and denying in part <u>21</u> Plaintiff's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/18/22. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/18/2022)
11/21/2022		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Schedule due by 12/2/2022. (mac) (Entered: 11/21/2022)
11/21/2022	<u>31</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Aisha Novasky, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC-9688276. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration os Aisha Novasky, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A to Novasky Declaration, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B to Novasky Declaration, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 11/21/2022)

11/22/2022		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>31</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Attorney Aisha Cheri Novasky is hereby admitted to appear in this matter. Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a) Click for instructions. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/22/22. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/22/2022)
11/23/2022	<u>32</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Aisha Cheri Novasky on behalf of NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS (Novasky, Aisha) (Entered: 11/23/2022)
12/02/2022	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT , <i>with proposed order</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 12/02/2022)
12/05/2022		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>33</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern further proceedings: Defendant shall provide to Plaintiff a draft Vaughn Index concerning the redactions and withholdings applied to the October 6, 2021 production on or before December 20, 2022; and the parties shall file a joint status report updating the Court on the status of negotiations and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule for renewed summary judgment motions on or before January 17, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 12/5/22. (lcrc2) (Entered: 12/05/2022)
01/17/2023	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 01/17/2023)
01/18/2023		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>34</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern further proceedings in this matter: Defendant shall submit its motion for summary judgment on or before March 3, 2023; Plaintiff shall submit its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before April 3, 2023; Defendant shall submit its opposition and any reply on or before May 3, 2023; and Plaintiff shall submit any reply on or before May 24, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/18/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/18/2023)
02/28/2023	<u>35</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 02/28/2023)
03/01/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>35</u> Defendant's Consent Motion to Modify Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule: It is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern further proceedings in this matter: Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before March 16, 2023; Plaintiff shall file its opposition and any cross-motion for summary judgment on or before April 17, 2023; Defendant shall file its opposition and any reply on or before May 17, 2023; and Plaintiff shall file any reply on or before June 7, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/1/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/01/2023)
03/15/2023	<u>36</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 03/15/2023)
03/15/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>36</u> Defendant's Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before March 21, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/15/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/15/2023)
03/21/2023	<u>37</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration (3rd) of Ruthlee Gowins-Bellamy (VA OIG), # <u>3</u> Exhibit 1 to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl. (OIG Vaughn Index), # <u>4</u> Exhibit A to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl., # <u>5</u> Exhibit B to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl., # <u>6</u> Exhibit C to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl., # <u>7</u> Exhibit D to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl., # <u>8</u> Exhibit E to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl. (Modified FOIA Request), # <u>9</u> Exhibit F to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl. (OIG Response to Modified FOIA Request), # <u>10</u> Exhibit G to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl., # <u>11</u> Exhibit H to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl., # <u>12</u> Exhibit I to 3rd Gowins-Bellamy Decl., # <u>13</u> Declaration of Deana M. Marakowski (VA VHA), # <u>14</u> Exhibit 2 to Marakowski Decl. (VHA Vaughn Index), # <u>15</u> Exhibit J to Marakowski Decl. (VHA

		Referral Response), # <u>16</u> Exhibit K to Marakowski Decl., # <u>17</u> Declaration of Octavia Smalls (VA OSP), # <u>18</u> Exhibit 3 to Smalls Decl. (OSP Vaughn Index), # <u>19</u> Exhibit L to Smalls Decl. (OSP Referral Response), # <u>20</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>21</u> Text of Proposed Order)(O'Tousa, Christina); Modified Date Filed on 3/23/2023 (ztth). (Entered: 03/23/2023)
04/20/2023	<u>38</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply <i>Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 2023.03.14 NAMVETS v. VA Business Day Extension Email, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order 2023.04.20 Proposed Order to Extend Deadlines Nunc Pro Tunc)(Novasky, Aisha) (Entered: 04/20/2023)
04/20/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>38</u> Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Extension of Time Nunc Pro Tunc: It is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule shall govern further proceedings in this matter: Plaintiff shall submit its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before May 5, 2023; Defendant shall submit its opposition and any reply on or before June 16, 2023; and Plaintiff shall submit any reply on or before June 30, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/20/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 04/20/2023)
05/05/2023	<u>39</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>37</u> Motion for Summary Judgment,,, filed by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Counter-Statement of Material Fact, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Matthew Strugar, # <u>3</u> Exhibit A to Strugar Declaration, # <u>4</u> Exhibit B to Strugar Declaration, # <u>5</u> Exhibit C to Strugar Declaration, # <u>6</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 05/05/2023)
05/05/2023	<u>40</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Counter-Statement of Material Fact, # <u>3</u> Declaration of Matthew Strugar, # <u>4</u> Exhibit A to Strugar Declaration, # <u>5</u> Exhibit B to Strugar Declaration, # <u>6</u> Exhibit C to Strugar Declaration, # <u>7</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 05/05/2023)
06/13/2023	<u>41</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 06/13/2023)
06/14/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>41</u> Defendant's Consent Motion to Modify the Briefing Schedule: It is hereby ORDERED that the summary judgment briefing schedule is modified as follows: Defendant shall submit its opposition to Plaintiff's cross-motion for summary judgment and any reply in support of its motion for summary judgment on or before June 21, 2023; and Plaintiff shall submit any reply in support of its cross-motion for summary judgment on or before July 11, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/14/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/14/2023)
06/21/2023	<u>42</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>Summary Judgment Briefing Schedule</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 06/21/2023)
06/21/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>42</u> Defendant's Consent Motion to Modify the Briefing Schedule: It is hereby ORDERED that the summary judgment briefing schedule is modified as follows: Defendant shall submit its opposition to Plaintiff's cross-motion for summary judgment and any reply in support of its motion for summary judgment on or before June 28, 2023; and Plaintiff shall submit any reply in support of its cross-motion for summary judgment on or before July 18, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/21/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/21/2023)
06/28/2023	<u>43</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>40</u> Motion for Summary Judgment, filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration (Fourth) of Ruthlee Gowins-Bellamy)(O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 06/28/2023)
06/28/2023	<u>44</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>37</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration (Fourth) of Ruthlee Gowins-Bellamy)(O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 06/28/2023)

07/15/2023	<u>45</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>40</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 07/15/2023)
07/17/2023		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>45</u> Plaintiff's Consent Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff shall submit any reply in support of its cross-motion for summary judgment on or before August 1, 2023. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/17/23. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/17/2023)
08/01/2023	<u>46</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>40</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 08/01/2023)
01/08/2024	<u>47</u>	ORDER directing the Veterans Administration to submit documents in camera for the court's review. (Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 01/08/2024). (lcrc2) (Entered: 01/08/2024)
02/07/2024	<u>48</u>	NOTICE of <i>Ex Parte Submission for In Camera Review</i> by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS re <u>47</u> Order (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 02/07/2024)
02/27/2024	<u>49</u>	ORDER granting in part and denying in part <u>37</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment; granting in part and denying in part <u>40</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 02/27/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
02/27/2024	<u>50</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION granting in part and denying in part <u>37</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment; granting in part and denying in part <u>40</u> Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 02/27/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 02/27/2024)
03/09/2024	<u>51</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Move for Award of Attorneys' Fees and Costs</i> by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 03/09/2024)
03/11/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>51</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff's motion for an award of attorneys fees and costs shall be filed on or before May 6, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 03/11/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 03/11/2024)
04/29/2024	<u>52</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>to File Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs</i> by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 04/29/2024)
04/29/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>52</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff shall file its motion for attorneys' fees and costs on or before June 28, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 04/29/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 04/29/2024)
06/20/2024	<u>53</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs</i> by NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY VETERANS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Strugar, Matthew) (Entered: 06/20/2024)
06/20/2024		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>53</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiff may file a motion for attorneys' fees and costs on or before July 29, 2024. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 06/20/2024. (lcrc2) (Entered: 06/20/2024)
07/29/2024	<u>54</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. (O'Tousa, Christina) (Entered: 07/29/2024)