

Buddy / Lay Statement

Patterned after VA Form 21-10210 (Lay/Witness Statement)

Instructions for the witness

- Describe ONLY what you personally saw, heard, or experienced. Don't speculate or repeat hearsay.
- Be specific: dates, locations, names of others present, exact details.
- Plain language is better than legal language. Write the way you'd tell a friend.
- Sign and date at the bottom. Notarization is not required for VA but adds weight.
- You can also fill out the official VA Form 21-10210 — both work.

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

(Lay / Witness Statement — patterned after VA Form 21-10210)

I, the undersigned witness:

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My relationship to the veteran:

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Veteran's full legal name:

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I have personal knowledge of the following:

(Describe the in-service event, injury, or symptoms you witnessed.)

What I personally observed:

(Be specific about what you saw or heard firsthand.)

