COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS' BONUS APPEAL BOARD

IN RE: HERIK ESPINOSA	2017-VB-01
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IN RE: JEFFREY MACHADO)	2017-VB-02
IN RE: WASHINGTON SANTOS)	2017-VB-05
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ORDER

The Superior Court has remanded the three (3) above-captioned cases to us for reconsideration in light of its memorandum of decision and order dated December 21, 2018. To enable further proceedings which are now called for by the Superior Court's decision in this matter, we order the Bonus Division to obtain the certification of the Adjutant General as to the "dates of service and any other military information necessary to carry out" the provisions of the Welcome Home Bonus law when we again review each claimant's eligibility for the Welcome Home Bonus. See St. 2005, c. 167, § 4. The Bonus Division shall submit a copy thereof to this Board for inclusion in the record of each claimant's case, within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order. The Bonus Division shall also serve a copy of said certification upon the counsel for each claimant, in accordance with paragraph 7 of this Board's Standing Order 2017-1.

Following receipt of the Adjutant General's certification, each claimant (or his counsel) shall be entitled to submit within twenty-one (21) days from receipt of such certification, if desired, a memorandum of law addressing the merits of the claims and specifically discussing any issues raised by the Adjutant General's certification. Each claimant (or his counsel) shall also be entitled to an additional opportunity, if requested in its memorandum of law, to appear before the Board to argue any of the issues which have been raised in the memorandum. Aside from the material to be obtained from the Adjutant General under this Order, no new testimony or documentary evidence shall be admitted into the record, except upon motion by a party demonstrating good cause for not including the proposed evidence in the prior proceeding.

So Ordered

VETERANS' BONUS APPEAL BOARD

By:

LTC SHANNON MCLAUGHLIN, MANG

Adjutant General's Designee

CRYSTAL MATTHEWS
Treasurer's Designee

MATTHEW P. LANDRY Attorney General's Designee

Dated: May 7, 2019