



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
VA REGIONAL OFFICE  
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BALTIMORE MD 21201**

**Allen Edwards**

**VA File Number**

**Represented by:  
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

**Rating Decision  
March 19, 2003**

**INTRODUCTION**

You are a Vietnam Era veteran. You served in the Marine Corps from October 30, 1967 to October 29, 1970. A new claim for service connection was received on June 12, 2002. We grant service connection for a disease or injury that began in military service or was caused by some event or experience in service. You filed your claim more than one year after release from military service.

**DECISION**

- 1 . Service connection for post traumatic stress disorder is granted with an evaluation of 100 percent effective June 12, 2002.
- 2 . Entitlement to an earlier effective date for service connection for diabetes mellitus, type II associated with herbicide exposure (Nehmer granted) is granted effective May 8, 2001.