# DSO/CSO

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# Case Management System(CMS) Training Course



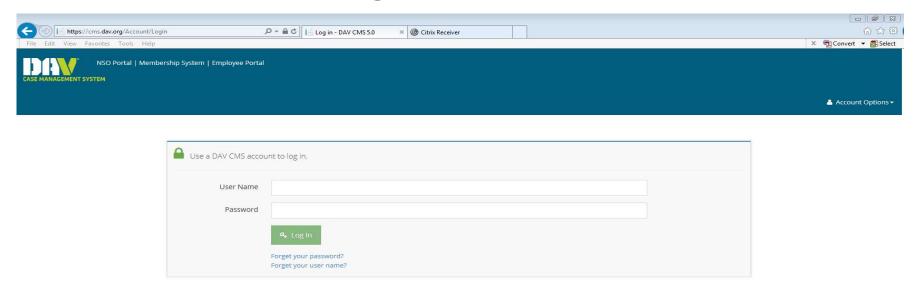
## **Welcome and Introductions**



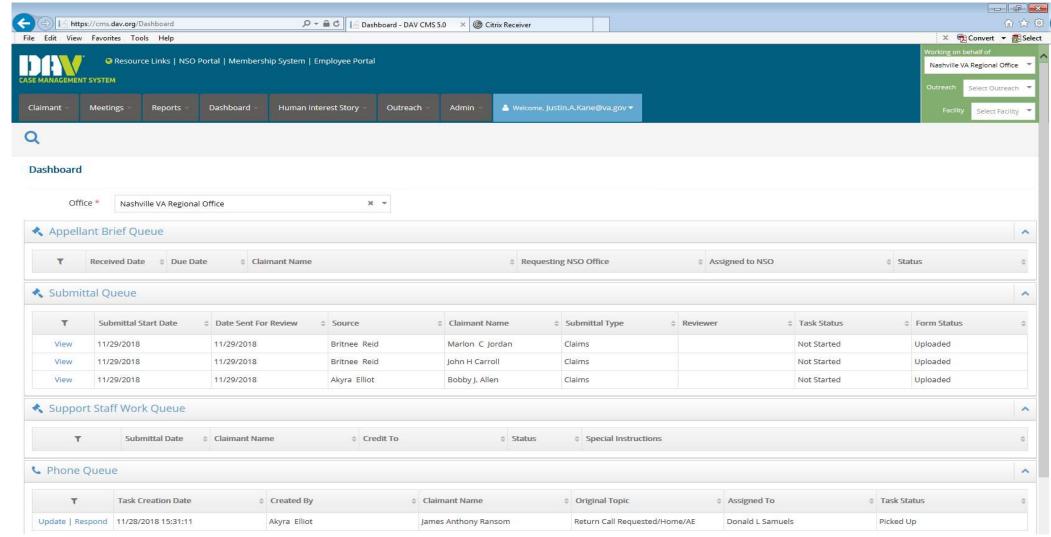
# Logging into CMS 4.0

- You can access the DAV CMS 4.0 at the following website:
- https://cms.dav.org/Account/Login

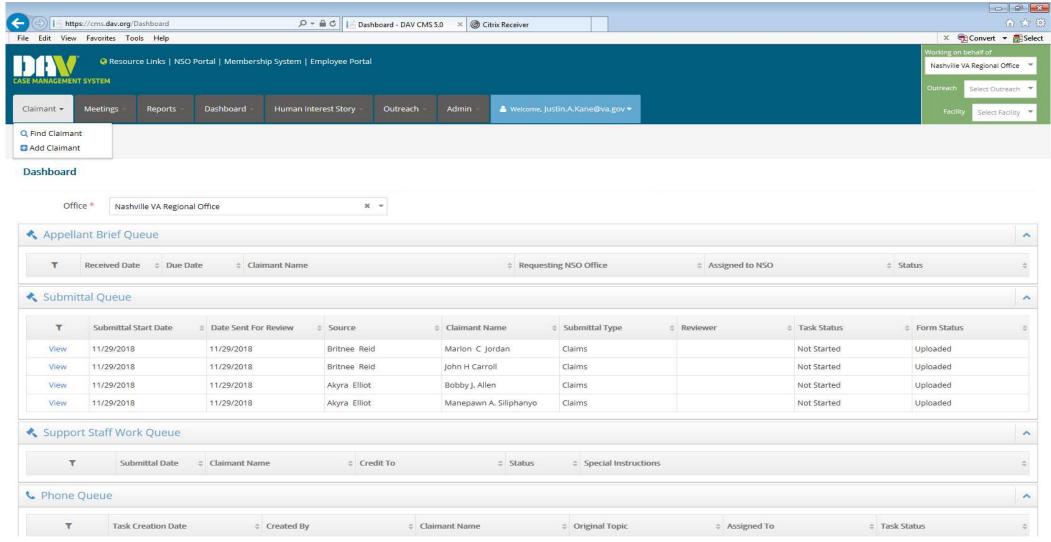
# Log in Screen



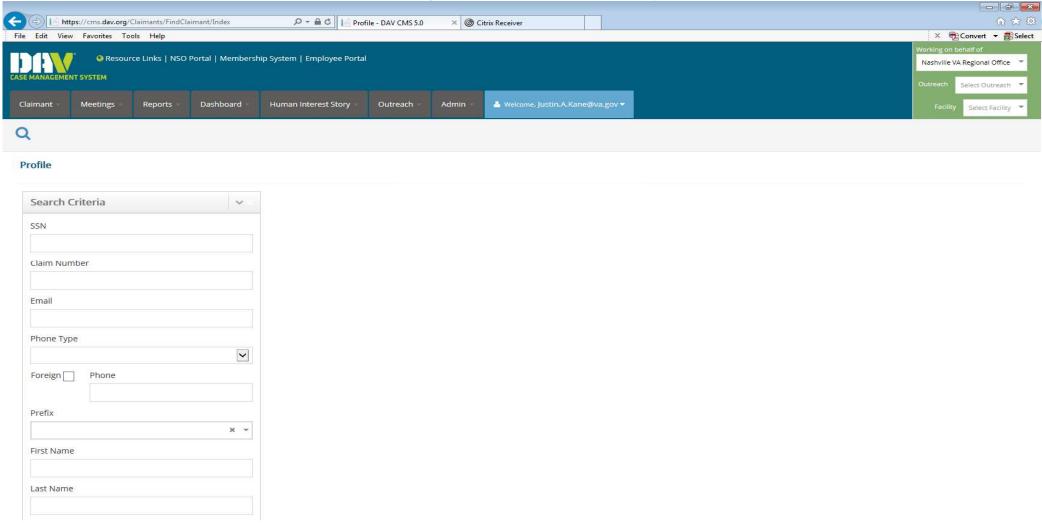
#### Dashboard



Finding a veteran or spouse



Searching for a veteran or spouse



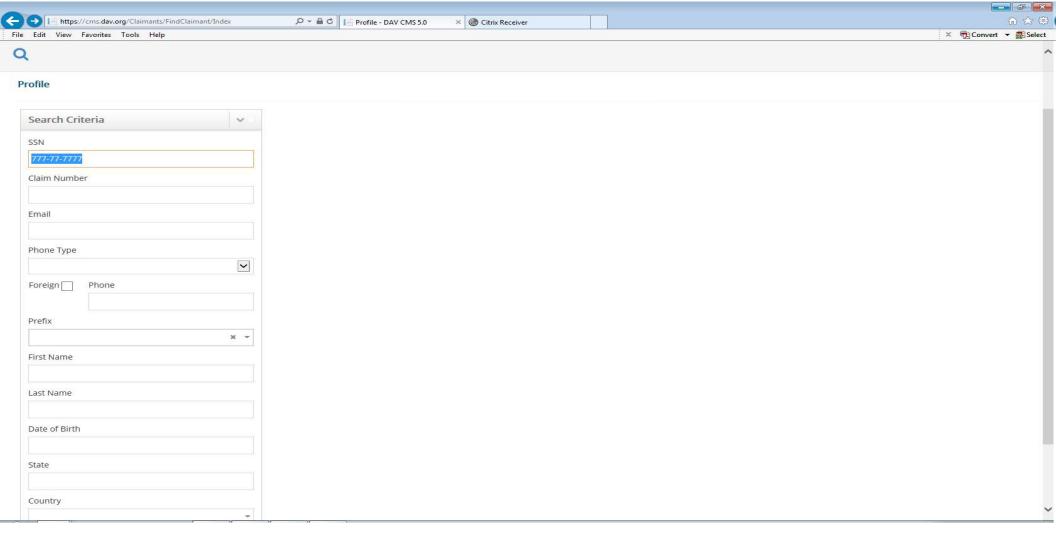
# Search options

 Once you are logged into the system you will see a navigation bar on your left. This allows you to search for claimants by SSN, Claim Number, First Name, Last Name, email address, phone number or Reference ID

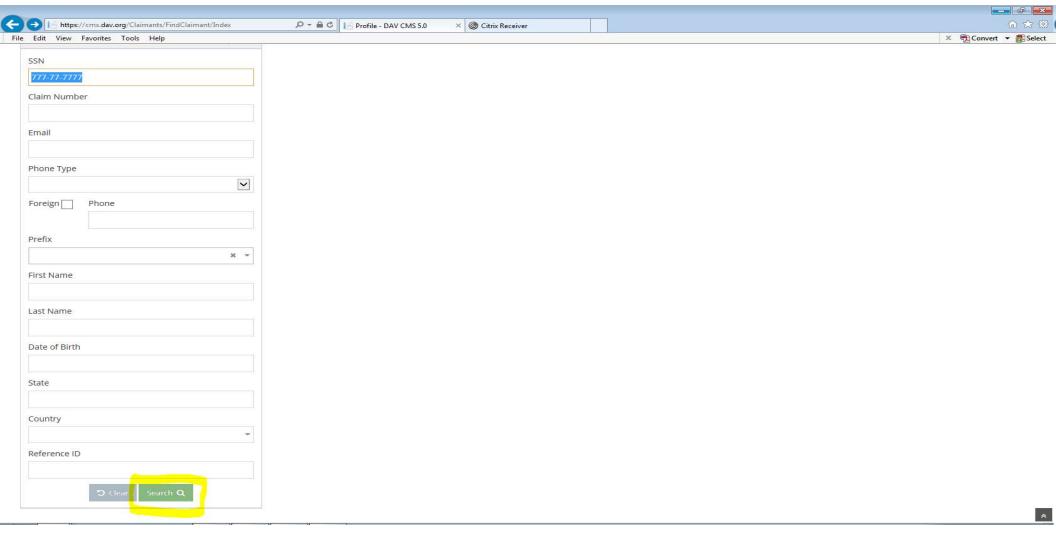
# Adding a Claimant

 Before adding a claimant, make sure that you have searched by SSN and Claim Number to even include a name search to avoid any duplicate CMS files being made. This system is designed to send you a warning if the information you are inputting matches a record that is already of existence.

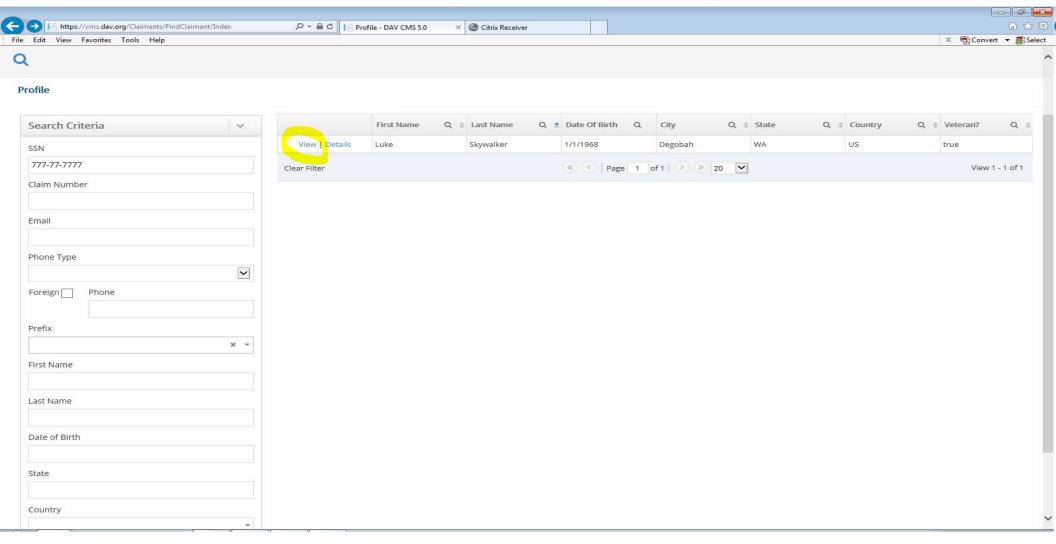
## Type in social security number or claim number



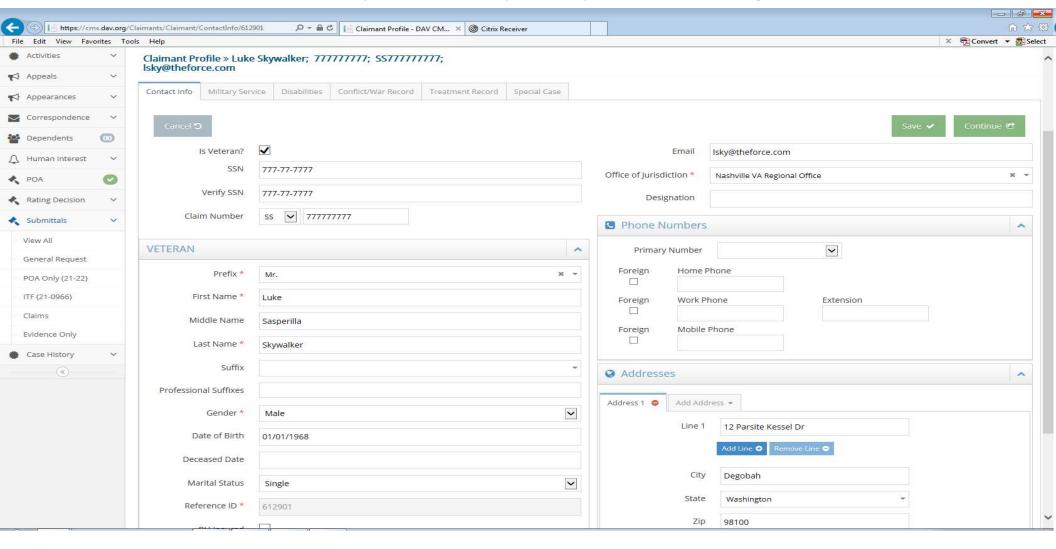
#### Click the search button on bottom of page



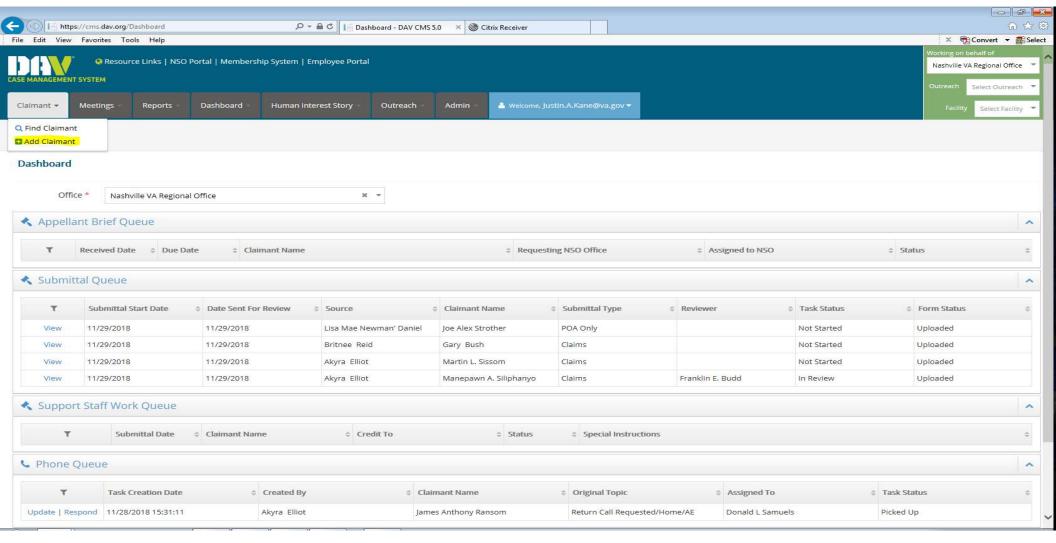
#### Click view once you find the veteran or spouse



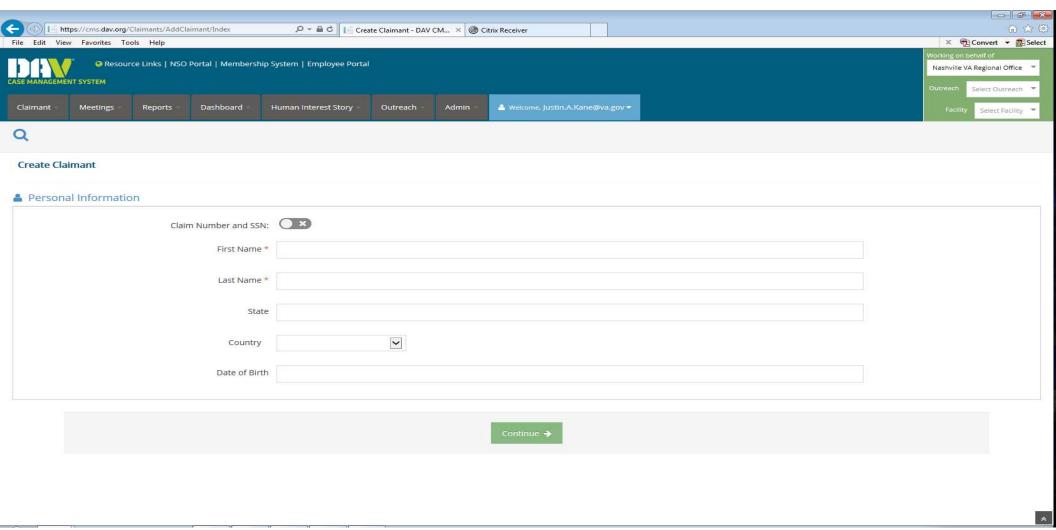
#### This is the profile of the person you are searching for.



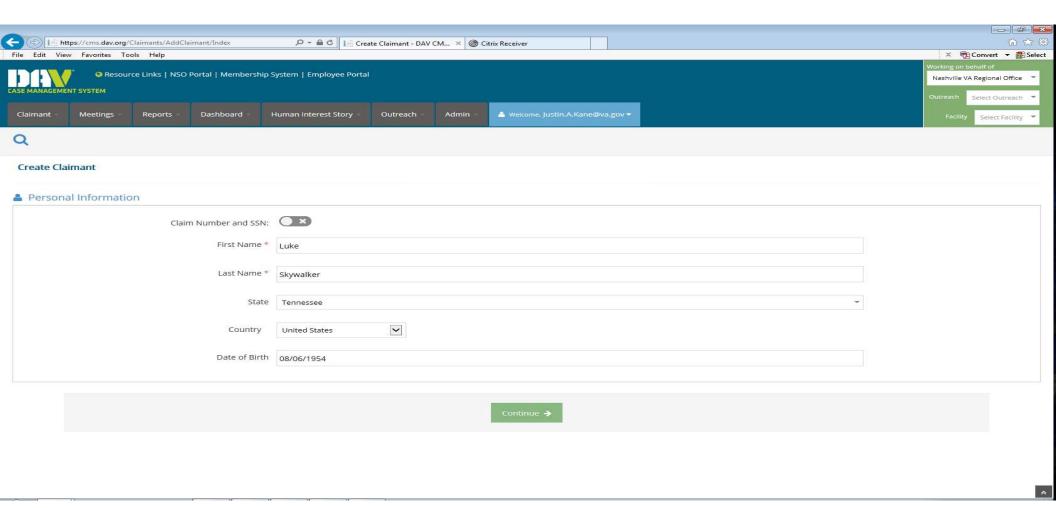
#### Adding a veteran or spouse into CMS



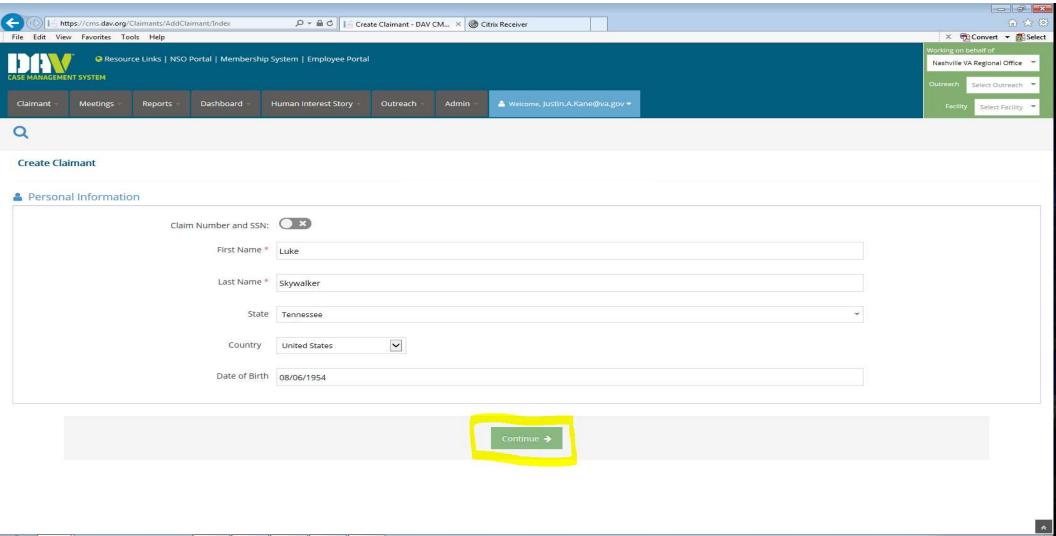
#### Input the new veteran or spouses information



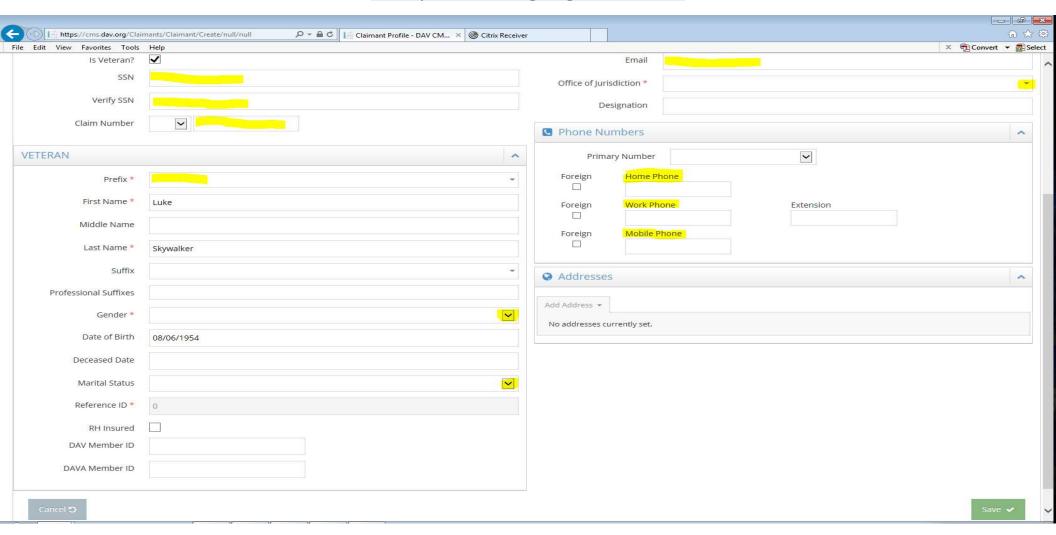
# All fields completed.



#### Click continue after adding all information required for the new veteran or spouse



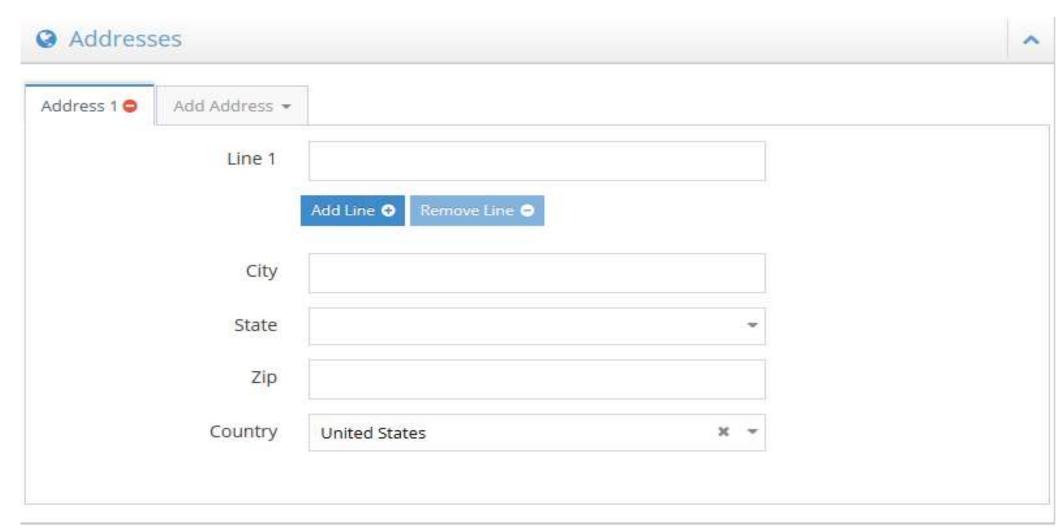
### Complete all highlighted fields



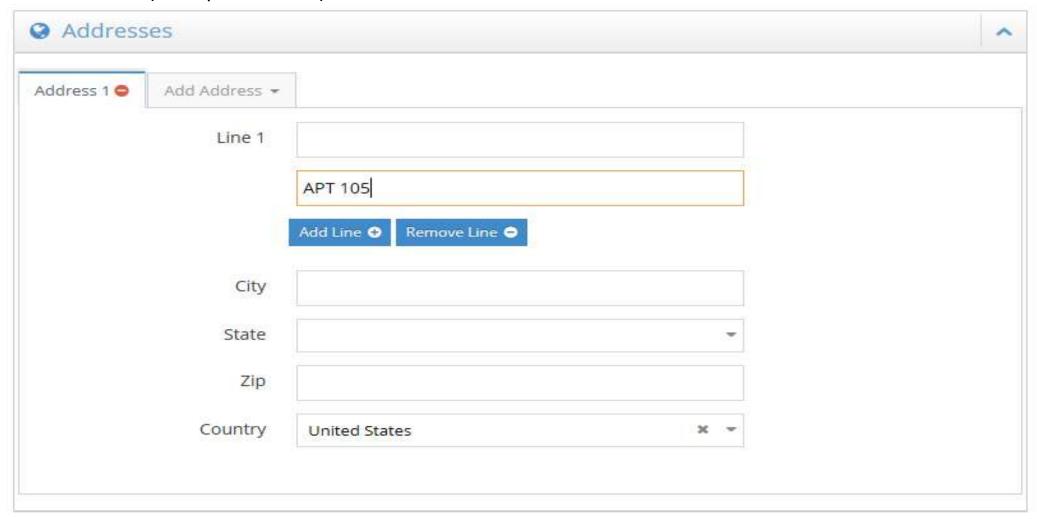
#### Click address 1



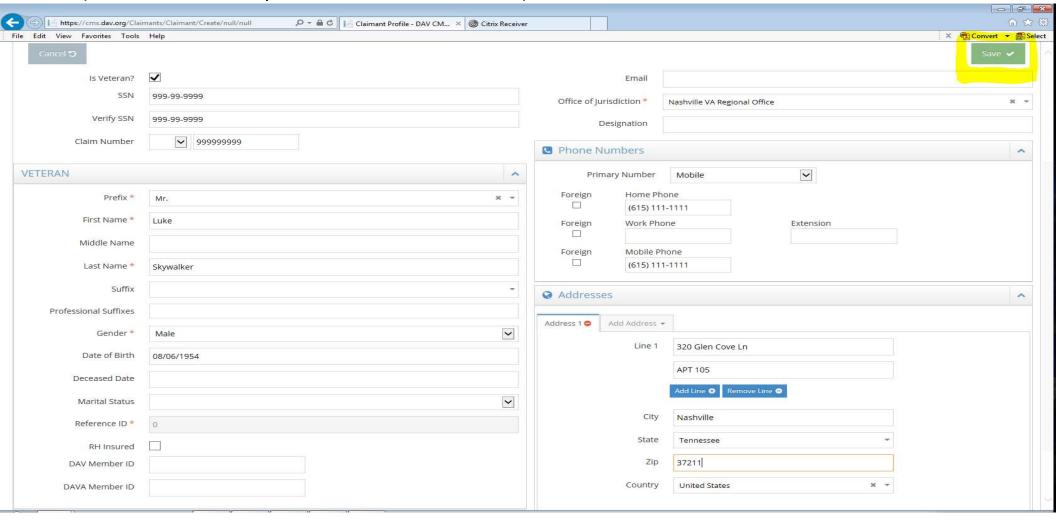
#### Complete all fields



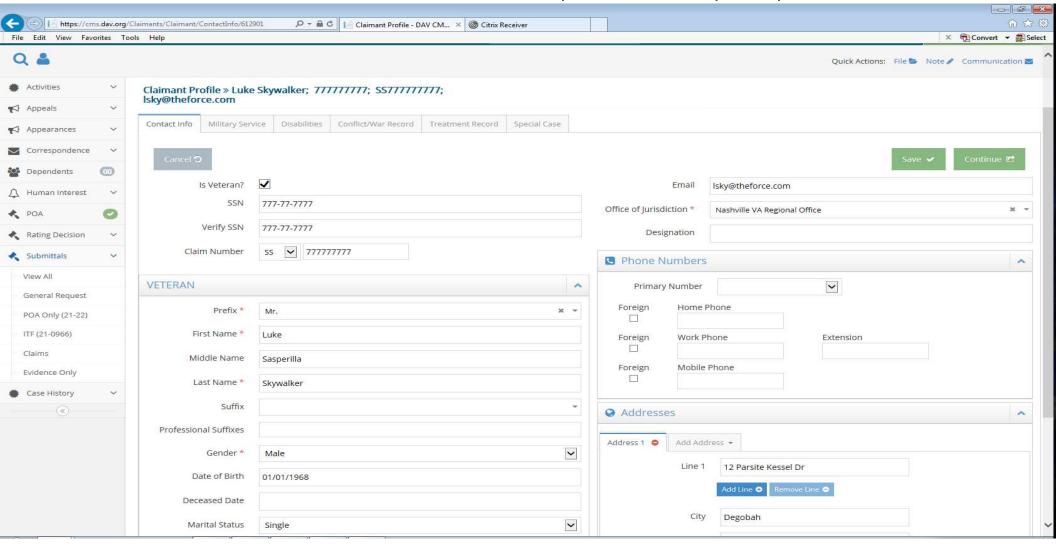
Clients with apartments, please click the add line button and type in APT and apartment number (example APT 105)



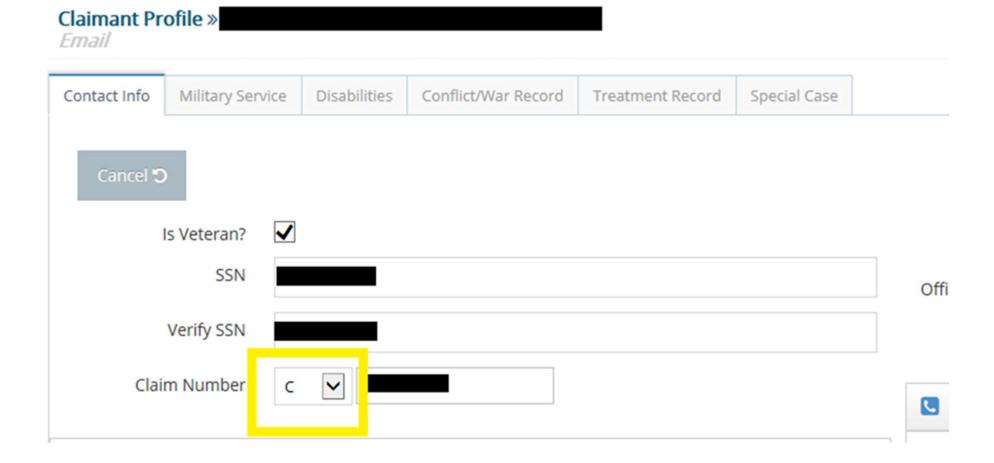
After all fields required are completed, click on the save button on the top right or bottom left (both save buttons perform the same function).



#### After the file is built, this is the final product of a fully built profile

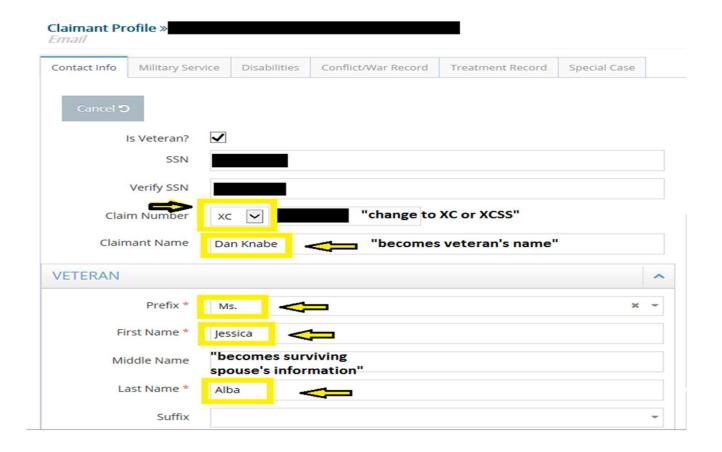


#### **DIC Claims**



#### DIC

-Update the drop box indicated as "claimants name" as the veteran and place the claimants (surviving spouse, child, etc) to the "Veteran's Name". This will auto generate the letters addressing the claimant, instead of the veteran.

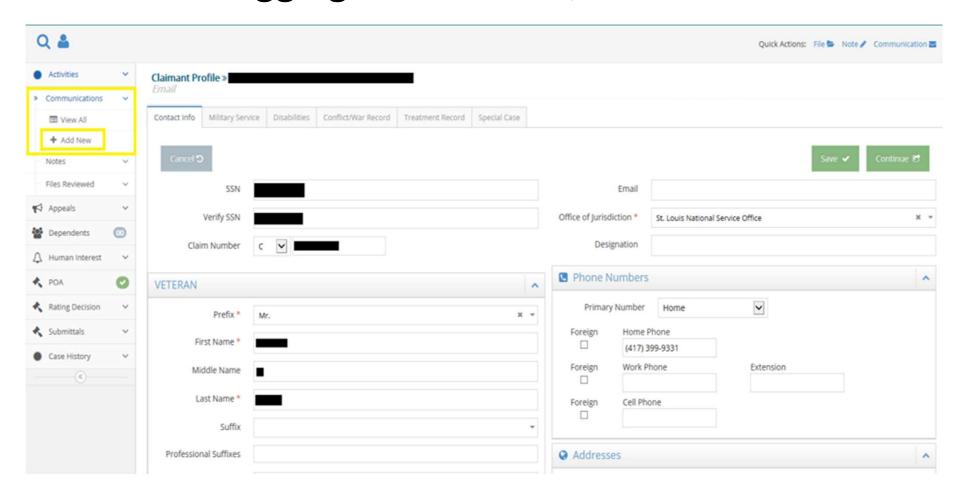


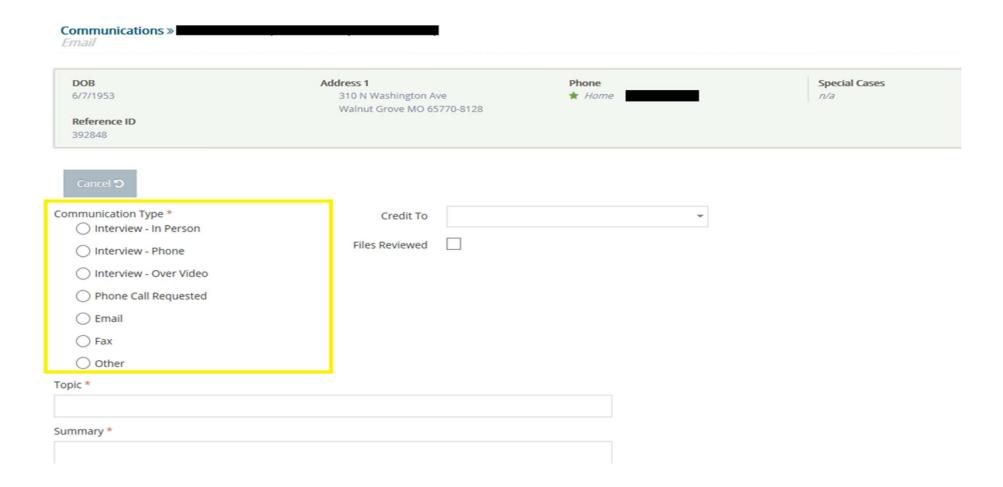
First search the veteran by file number or social. (try typing the social in the file number if it doesn't retrieve a file typed in the SSN box)

Once the file is received you will see a screen as such indicating the veteran's name, date of birth, state, country and gender. Select view to access the file.

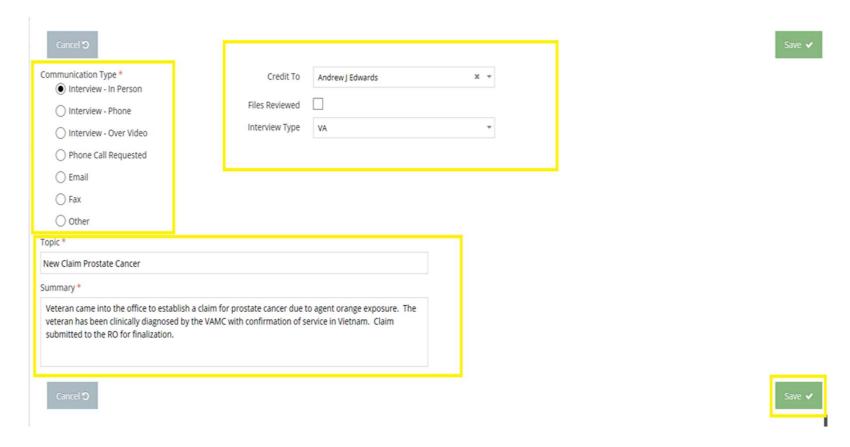


 The next screen will reveal what information we have on the veteran and give the DSO/CSO several navigation options. When you take a phone call or a interview you will want to select "COMMUNICATIONS" AND THEN "ADD NEW". This will give you seven options at this point: Interview-In Person, Interview-Phone, Interview-other Video, Phone Call Requested, Email, Fax, and Other. Select the option that you have completed.





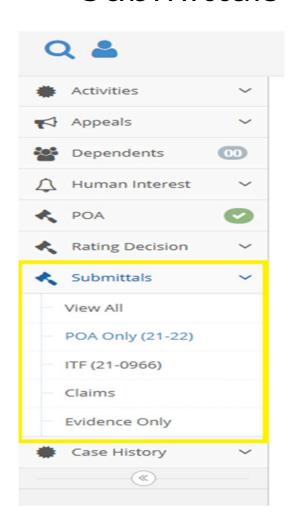
Also please select Franklin Budd on the "CREDIT TO" drop down box. Once the interview is complete put the "TOPIC" that you discussed with the veteran and the summary of the actions that were completed into the "SUMMARY" box and select "SAVE". (Ex: Interview-In-person, Credit to: Franklin Budd, Topic: New Claim, Summary: The veteran came in to file a claim for Prostate Cancer due to Agent Orange exposure) The summary needs to have a detailed summary in one or two paragraphs.



#### Submittals

- Create a file on your desktop and label it as "Submittals". This is where you where scan the claims, evidence and other correspondence to be submitted to the Regional Office. Once the submittal has been finalized delete the items out of the file so you are in guidelines with the Statement of Policy.
- While in your interview, CMS can draft the certain applications for you while you are preparing the submittal. Most all VA forms will allow you to do an auto draft while completing through CMS.
- Start by selecting the tab on the left hand side of your screen indicated as "SUBMITTALS". Select what you are submitting. If it's just a POA select the POA only, if it's just an intent to file a claim then select the ITF, if it is a claim select claims, and if it is evidence only then select evidence.

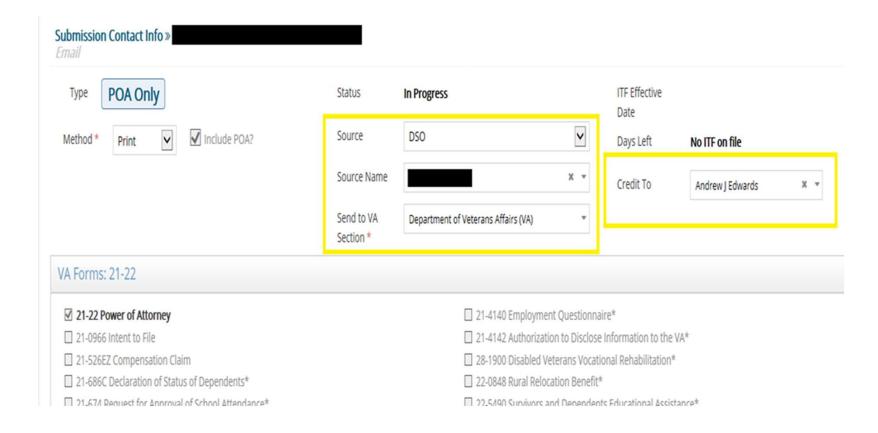
## **Submittals**



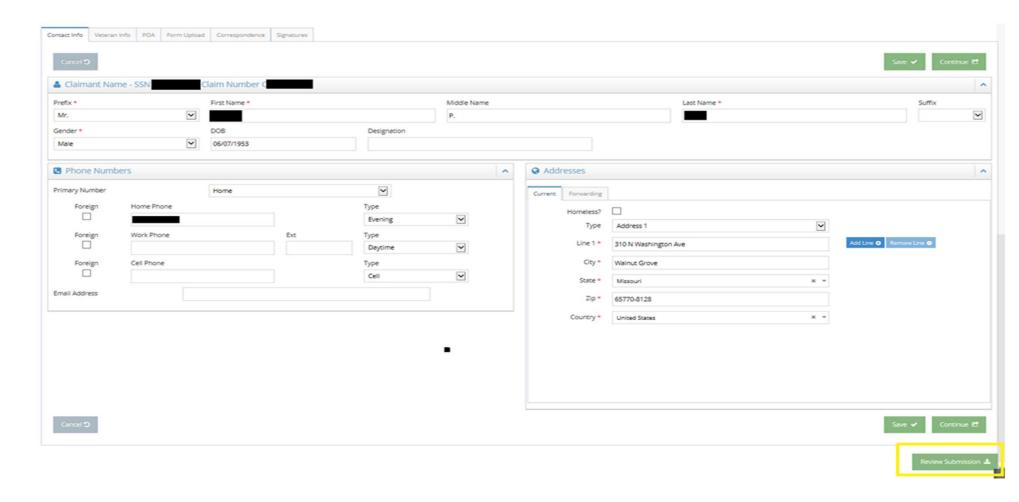
#### POA submittals

- Select POA only (21-22)
- (This form will be the PDF format with Franklin Budd's signature on it) Once you fill in the veteran's information and have them sign it, scan this to your file indicated as Submittals.
- Once you select POA only you will see this screen.

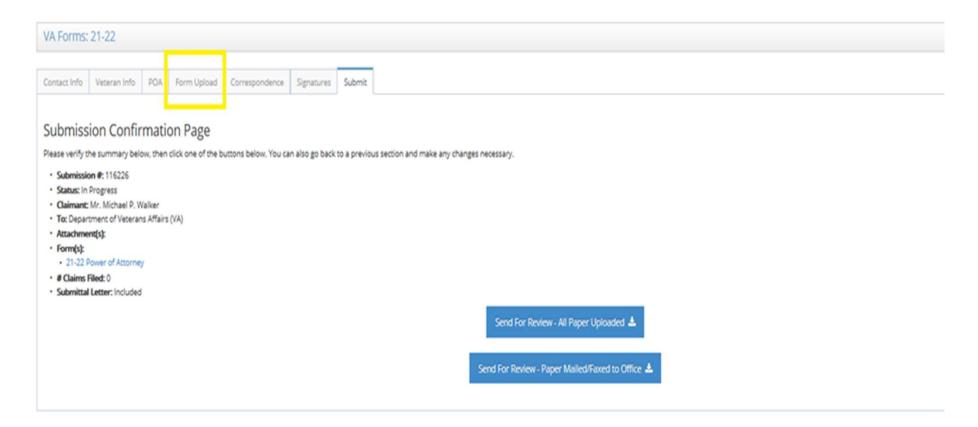
Make sure the Source is indicated as "DSO", "Source Name" is indicated as yourself and the "Credit To" is indicated as Franklin Budd. Scroll down below that and you will see this on the same screen and select "REVIEW SUBMISSION".



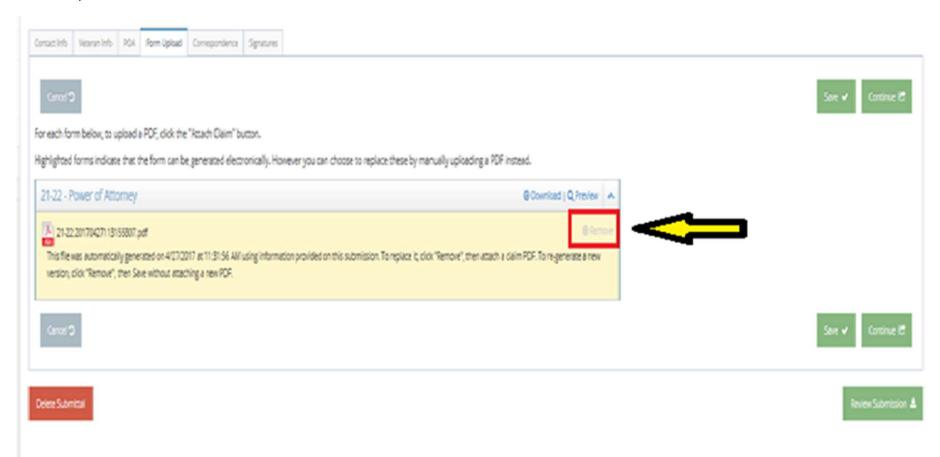
Once you have select "REVIEW SUBMISSION" you then need to select "FORM UPLOAD" then you need to remove the auto drafted copy by selecting remove.



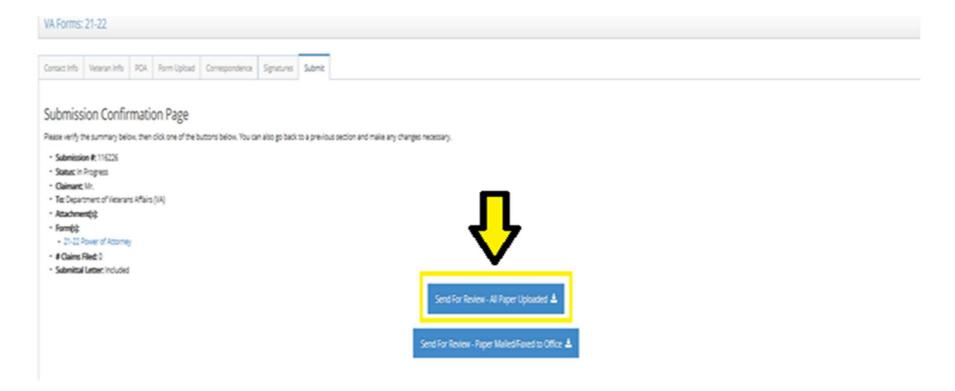
<u>NOTE:</u> POA submittal doesn't allow any evidence to be attached, so if the veteran has a DD 214 or any other documentation to submit, scan this with the POA before uploading. This will prevent the DSO/CSO from creating two separate submittals.



Once the auto generated POA is removed it will give you an option to "ATTACH CLAIM". Select the "ATTACH CLAIM" button and upload the POA that is signed by the veteran from your file indicated as submittals on your desktop. Then select "REVIEW SUBMISSION".



# Once the screen switches to the final page, you then will select "SEND FOR REVIEW-ALL PAPER UPLOADED"



This will then be placed into the NSO office's que for finalization and submittal to the Department of Veteran's Affairs!!!

### INTENT (ITF 21-0966)

- This form can be auto drafted and printed from CMS. If the veteran is doing an intent to file a claim just select the ITF button. Most of the information will be auto-drafted from the contact information we have saved in CMS. Then hit "REVIEW SUBMISSION" at the bottom of the screen to generate the form. Highlight the blue indication of 21-0966 Intent to File and this will pull the form up to be printed for signature.
- NOTE: Intent submittal doesn't allow any evidence to be attached, so if the veteran has a DD 214 or any other documentation to submit, scan this with the Intent before uploading. This will prevent the DSO from creating two separate submittals.
- Once the form is signed then scan it to your desktop file. In CMS select the tab indicated as Form Upload, delete the auto drafted one and upload the signed document. Then select "REVIEW SUBMISSION" and then "SEND FOR REVIEW-ALL PAPER UPLOADED".

#### Here's the link to view and print the form.

#### Submission Confirmation Page

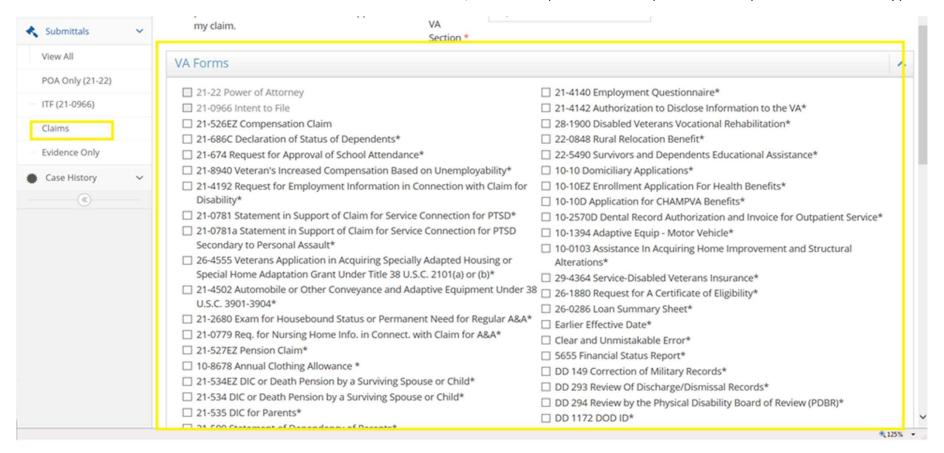
Please verify the summary below, then click one of the buttons below. You can also go back to a previous section and make any changes necessary.

- Submission #: 116291
- Status: In Progress
- · Claimant: Mr. Michael P. Walker
- To: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- Attachment(s):
- Form(s):
  - 21-0966 Intent to File
- # Claims Filed: 0
- Submittal Letter: Included

Remember to draft the forms in CMS and then print it for the veteran's signature. After that upload the form after deleting the auto formatted version and submit to the Regional Office. Also any additional documentation that needs to be submitted, just scan those with the Intent or POA form.

#### **CLAIMS**

The claims option allows you to auto draft and submit several different VA claims. To auto draft the forms you must go through each tab and hit save to have the correct information on the form before printing. The VA Forms that will allow auto draft are VA Form 21-526EZ, 21-0966 (Intent to File) and 21-22 (Power of Attorney).

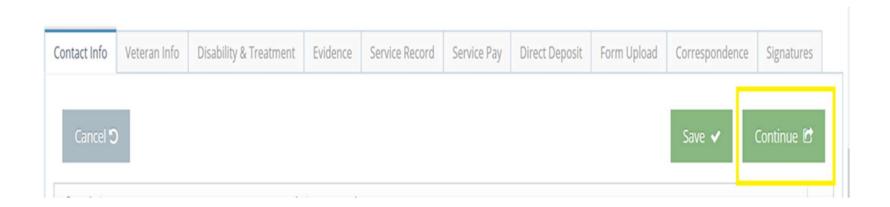


Select each form that you will be using to auto draft multiple forms. Remember though these must be printed out for the veteran to sign and re uploaded before submitting through CMS. For example purposes we will provide screen shots for selecting a 21-526EZ and the tabs provided for this specific claim. Every form will request different information just input the data it is requested so the form is auto generated for printing.

## Step One: Select the form

	VA Forms: 21-526EZ		
	21-22 Power of Attorney		
	21-0900 intent to File		
	21-526EZ Compensation Claim		
	☐ 21-686C Declaration of Status of Dependents*	•	
	<ul> <li>21-674 Request for Approval of School Attendance*</li> <li>21-8940 Veteran's Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability*</li> <li>21-4192 Request for Employment Information in Connection with Claim for</li> </ul>		
	Disability*		
	☐ 21-0781 Statement in Support of Claim for Service Connection for PTSD*		

## Step Two: Select continue

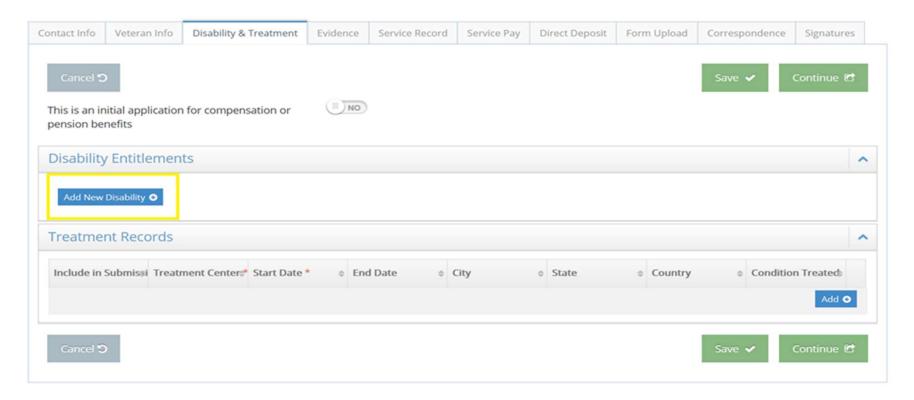


# Step Three: Fill out each tab and the required information



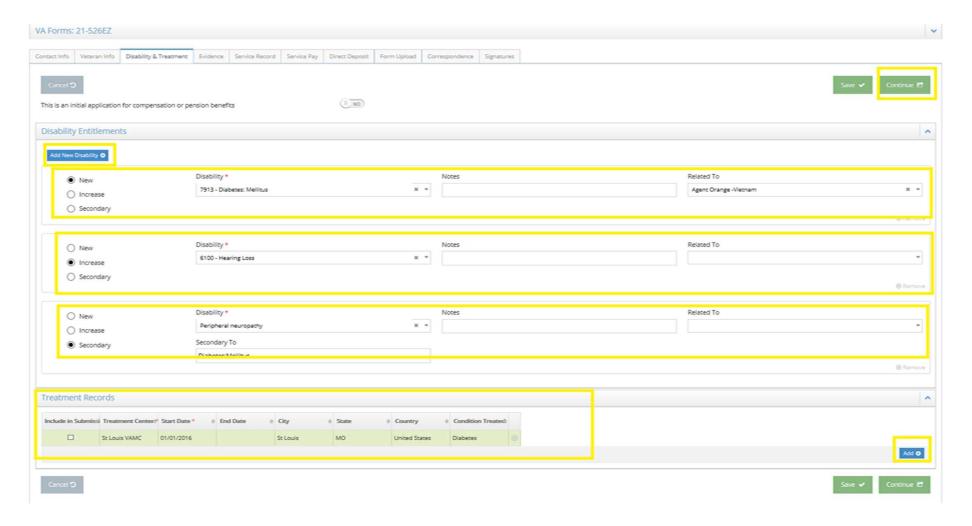
#### **Step Four**: "Disability & Treatment" Tab

This tab is where you select Add New Disability to add a new claimed condition. When the CMS file is updated the already recognized conditions will be in the system. You will only need to elect an increase on that condition for it to take place. Please note if the file isn't updated and the veteran is service connected for a condition then you will still need to select add new disability and select increase.



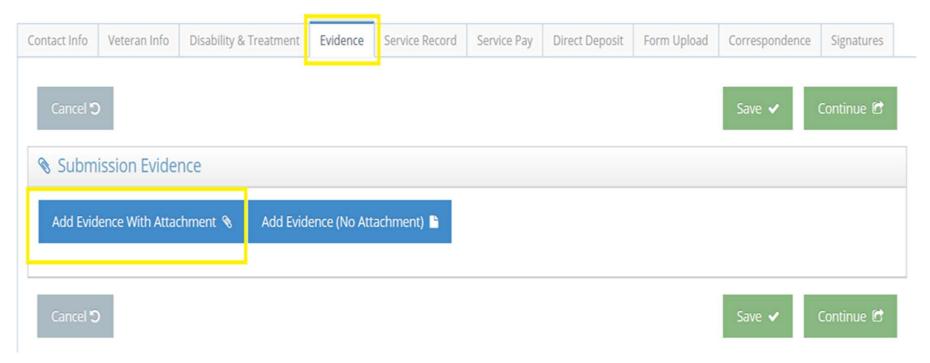
After you select add a disability it will then ask you if this is a new claim, increase or secondary. Select what the veteran is requesting and select the add new disability for each condition being claimed. Also on this page you can add the treatment history by clicking the "ADD" button under the Treatment Records section. Here is an example of a claim that has all three options on it.

#### **VA Form 21-526EZ**

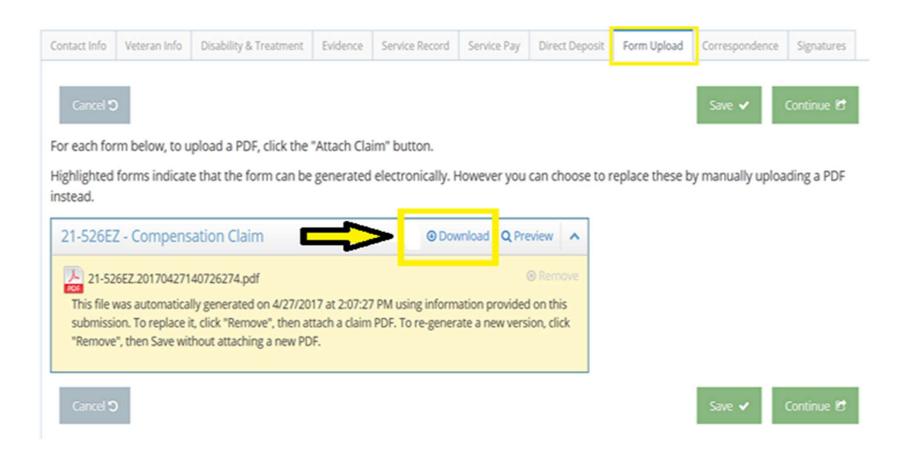


Select continue once all information is filled out correctly.

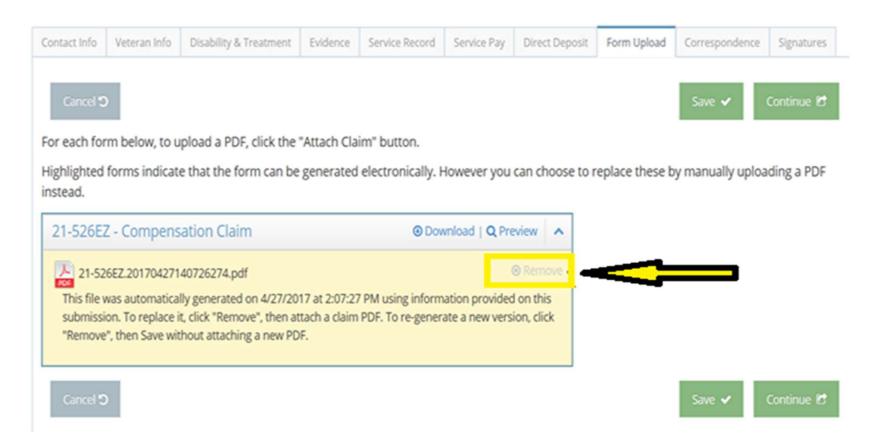
**Step Five:** Scan and attach any medical evidence or any records being submitted with the claim under the "EVIDENCE" tab.



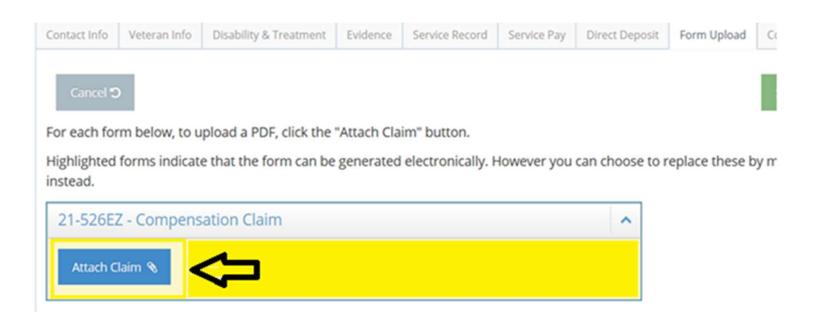
**Step Six**: Make sure each tab is filled out and get to the "FORM UPLOAD" Tab. At this point select download and print the application for signature.



**Step Seven:** Remove the auto drafted copy (you now have scanned the signed copy on your desktop)

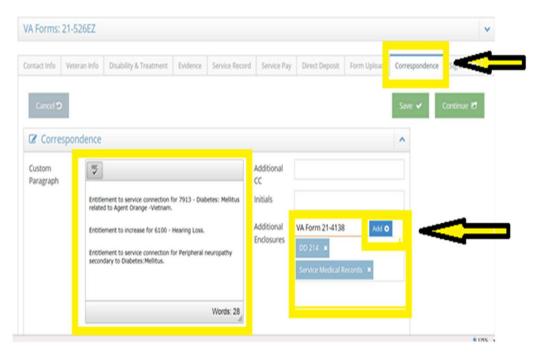


## Step Eight: Upload signed documents



#### Step Nine: Correspondence Tab

In this Tab you will put the information on what actions you have completed. This is similar to the old cover sheets where you were stating what action should be taken on the claim. This will be auto drafted as well but can also be customized, if something specific needs to be done. And you can add additional attachments by putting them in the "Additional Enclosures" and clicking add.

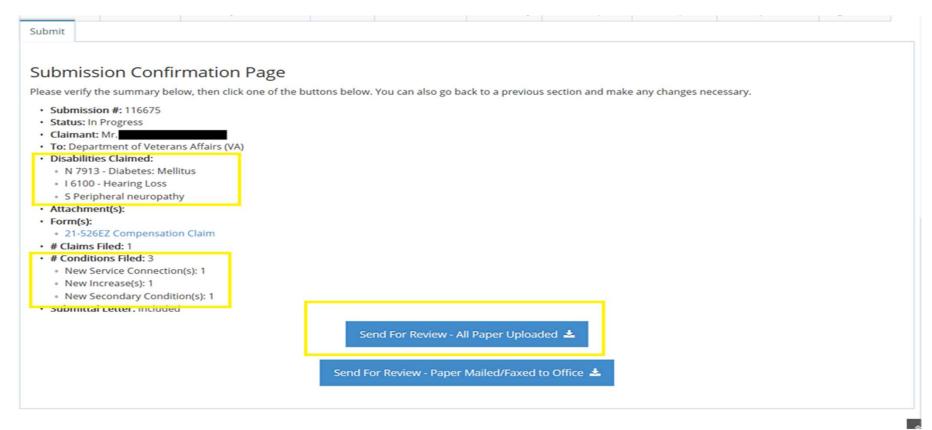


At this point if you select continue it will take you to the signature page. We do not currently have the abilities to have digital signatures, this is why we are printing and uploading the forms under "Form Uploaded". Once the summary looks good and all additional evidence being submitted is indicated on you then select review submission.

Step Ten: Submit the claim

\*NOTE: Do not select "Send for review paper mailed/faxed" unless you're mailing a larger claim. If in the middle of the submittal and you need to leave the page (go to a side bar option communications, notes, ect). Do not open a new submittal, select "Submittals" then "View All" and select the one in progress.

Notice this is a summary of what you completed. The Disabilities claimed should be listed. All your attachments will be listed. And the conditions filed will be indicated on the summary page before submitting to the Regional Office.



\*Remember each form can be auto drafted for you in CMS but you must print it out for signature. Claims with multiple forms on them indicate the forms on page one and it should auto generate all of them at once. That way you can print them all off for signature instead of going back and filling out a new one. POA forms must be the ones with <a href="Franklin Budd's signature">Franklin Budd's signature</a>.

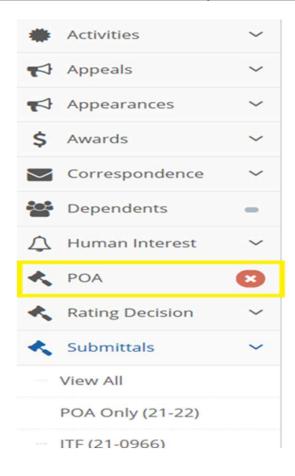
#### **Alerts**

In the past we have indicated to put any special notes to the NSO in the correspondence tab, this actually is generating onto the letters to the veterans. We have discovered an alert tab that will replace this method. When you pull up the claimant you will see the tab "Special Case". This is where you need to place any alerts on that specific submittal...examples: "Submitted as received", "submitted by CSO....", "terminal ill veteran", "financial hardship", etc. Anything that you want to make the NSO aware of needs to be put into the special case tab on that claimant.



## Things to Remember

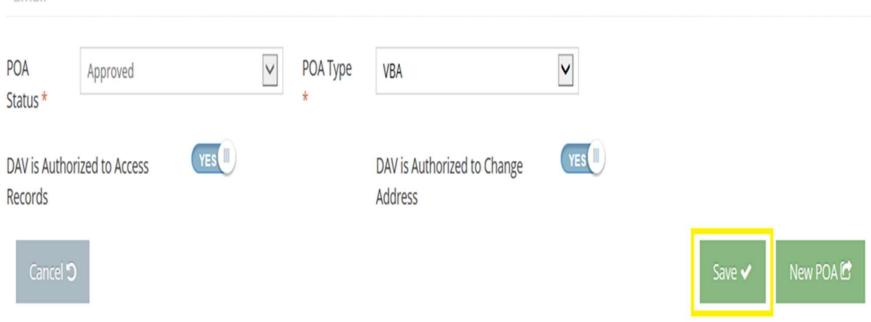
- -Also check to make sure you are not creating a duplicate claimant in CMS, the warning should catch this and allow you to review
- -Also input each disability being claimed on the Disability tab on the forms and indicated specifically what is being claimed such as new, secondary or increase
- -Inputting your notes in CMS will allow everyone to understand what has already been completed on this claimant and improve communication throughout the Department.
- -You don't have to fill each form out yourself and they will be auto generated once you input the
  information into CMS. If you skip a tab then it will not generate on the Form.
- -Do not submit NODS, VA Form 9s, 21-686c through CMS.
- -Do not create two submittals in the same interview, scan forms together
- -There is no need to create an evidence submittal with ITFs or POAs, scan the evidence with the ITF or POA form.
- Only use the VA Form 21-22 with NSO Supervisors Signature



#### POA

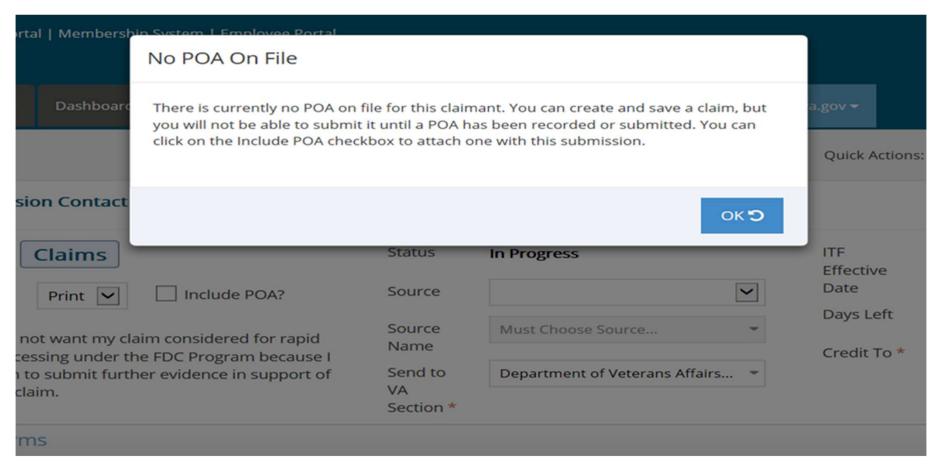
#### Record or Remove Existing POA Record » Anthony Morris; 497685184; SS497685184;

Email

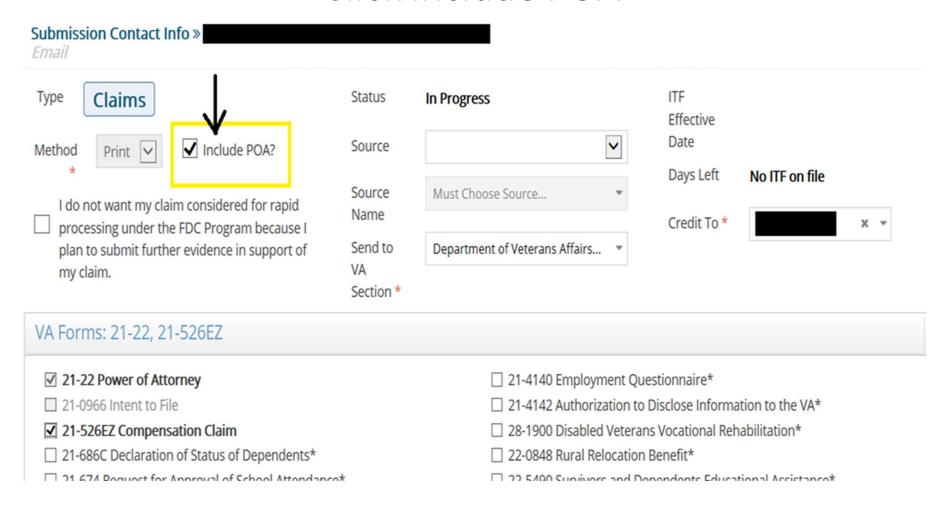


If we do not have POA, when you select which type of submittal you are doing, you will get a box indicating that we do not hold POA.

Select Ok and then check the "Include POA"



#### Click include POA



If you have any questions or concerns with CMS, please contact the National Service Office for directives before adding or removing anything out of the database.