IN THE

Supreme Court of the United States

JOSHUA E. BUFKIN,

Petitioner,

v.

DENIS R. McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Respondent.

NORMAN F. THORNTON,

Petitioner,

DENIS R. McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Respondent.

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