

24-5983, Motion for Leave To Proceed as Veteran, Taylor v. McDonough

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VIA US MAIL

Clerk, Supreme Court of the USA  
1 First Street, NE  
Washington DC. 20543

Re: 24-5983, Motion for Leave To Proceed as Veteran, Taylor v. McDonough

Dear Supreme Court of the United States,

May it please the Court, in response to the 1/13/25 order, the *pro se* Veteran requests "Leave to proceed as a Veteran," regarding the docketing fee, per rule 40.

And due to his seventeen service-connected (now eighteen) medical issues, including "loss of use" hands, a rule 33.1 waiver to put the petition in the format of 40 smaller copies in various colors, because he understandably can't complete such a chore that requires printing equipment. I can do it in standard 8 1/2 x 11 size if given a deadline such as 60 days.

*"Rule 40. Veterans, Seamen, and Military Cases*

*1. A veteran suing under any provision of law exempting veterans from the payment of fees or court costs, may proceed without prepayment of fees or costs or furnishing security therefore and may file a motion for leave to proceed on papers prepared as required by Rule 33.2. The motion shall ask leave to proceed as a veteran and be accompanied by an affidavit or declaration setting out the moving party's veteran status. A copy of the motion shall precede and be attached to each copy of the petition for a writ of certiorari or other substantive document fled by the veteran."*

I do enclose:

—Declaration of disabled military Veteran status with supporting documents

—A copy of the 9/6/24 original petition (2nd version dated 9/6/24), because Rule 40 says to do it.

Veteran has Loss of Use bilateral hands & feet, rated at SMC-M and Aid & Attendance. Due to possible terminal illness, at the regular VBA, I've been granted priority processing, the Board has granted advanced on the docket, the CAVC granted expedition sometimes and the CAFC granted it.

It takes me longer to meet deadlines and transportation to the post office is not always possible. I needed special blood tests this month at a cost of \$700.00, but it's not realistic due to my mild income for a highly-disabled person. I'm penniless right now. It's very expensive to be a sick person and I definitely cannot pay a third party \$1500.00 to do the booklets. After the denial, they emailed me a quote. I had thought that if my petition was granted, then an assigned local law firm would assemble a professional petition to include the booklets. The online information must have been incorrect.

Previously, I had mailed a Motion for a Waiver of Formatting Rules, but there wasn't a response. I do hunger to advance my Petition, so please consider affording me a chance to show how I can get it done.

Thank you for your time.

Warm regards,  
/s/ Trevor Taylor  
Trevor Taylor, Appellant  
Self-Represented, Pro se

## Declaration of Veteran Status

2/3/25

I, Trevor Taylor, am the petitioner in Docket No. 24-5983 appeal.

I declare that I'm a Veteran in support of my motion to proceed as a Veteran, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 40.

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I enclose supporting documents.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

/s/ Trevor Taylor

Self-represented Petitioner