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## 3M Combat Earplug Intake Criteria

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### **CRITERIA: Must Meet All Three**

- Served in the U.S. Military anytime between 2003 and 2015
- Suffered permanent hearing loss or tinnitus
- Used dual-ended earplugs as primary source of hearing protection

### **POTENTIALLY DISQUALIFYING CRITERIA:**

- Statute of Limitation concerns
- Head trauma or IED exposure that likely resulted in hearing impairment
- Medical history of a syndrome or disease that would impact hearing such as:
  - Waardenburg syndrome
  - Branchiootorenal syndrome
  - Stickler syndrome
  - Usher syndrome
  - Pendred syndrome
  - Alport syndrome
  - Otosclerosis
  - Meniere's disease
- Admission that the service person chose not to use ear protection on a regular basis or used other types of ear protection on a regular basis