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**BEFORE THE
CALIFORNIA VETERANS BOARD**

In the Matter of the Appeal of

APPEAL NO. 16-008

MR. THOMAS COUMES

From the Decision of the California
Department of Veterans Affairs ("CalVet") Services Div.
To Deny the College Tuition Fee Waiver benefit.

**DECISION AFTER
REVIEW OF RECORD**

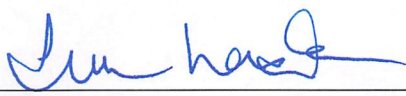
The Review of Record for the appeal of Mr. Thomas Coumes came before the California Veterans Board ("Board") on February 21, 2017. The board reviewed the appeal and the response submitted by both parties. Also present were the appellant Mr. Thomas Coumes and son Gregory Coumes ("Appellant").

After a review of the record and clarification of any facts the board sought a vote. Votes were taken by roll call and the board voted unanimously to uphold the Departments decision to deny the Appellant the College Tuition Fee Waiver benefit due primarily to the fact that the Appellant's sons annual income exceeded the national poverty level. (Education Code 66025.3, subd. (a)(2)(A).).

THE MATTER having been presented, and submitted, and good cause appearing therefore, by unanimous vote, the Board makes the following determination:

1. The Board voted to uphold the decision of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, Services Division in denying the College Tuition Fee Waiver benefit, the Appeal is **DENIED**.

Dated: February 21, 2017


TINA LASSITER, Executive Officer

BOARD MEMBERS

Charlene Taylor (Chair), Hugh Crooks (Vice Chair),
Members: Caroline Morales, Todd Trotter, Juan Gonzalez and Carla Thornton
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