**Section 121.180 Contributory Causes of Death**

a) Evidence of contributory causes must be supported by:

1) Statements from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs that such contributory causes have been so established and dependency and indemnity compensation awarded;

2) Statements from physicians who have been aware of the nature and degree of the veteran's service-connected disabilities; and

3) Statements from other persons who possess knowledge of this nature.

b) Other service-connected disabilities will not be considered in determining eligibility for compensation under this Part.