

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit**

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**BILLIE D. MCDONALD,**  
*Claimant-Appellant,*

v.

**ERIC K. SHINSEKI, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,**  
*Defendant-Appellee.*

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2013-7068

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Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for  
Veterans Claims in No. 11-1697, Judge William A. Moor-  
man.

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**JUDGMENT**

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Topeka, Kansas, argued for claimant-appellant.

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (RADER, *Chief Judge*, PROST, and CHEN, *Circuit Judges*).

**AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.**

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

January 9, 2014  
Date

/s/ Daniel E. O'Toole  
Daniel E. O'Toole  
Clerk of Court