

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

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**ALFRED RUBEN PELT,**  
*Claimant-Appellant*

v.

**DOUGLAS A. COLLINS, SECRETARY OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS,**  
*Respondent-Appellee*

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2023-2201

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Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for  
Veterans Claims in No. 21-6212, Judge Amanda L. Meredith,  
Judge Coral Wong Pietsch, Judge Joseph L. Toth.

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**JUDGMENT**

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JOHN D. NILES, Carpenter Chartered, Topeka, KS, argued for claimant-appellant. Also represented by KENNETH M. CARPENTER; AMY BETH KRETKOWSKI, Law Office of Amy B. Kretkowski, PLC, Iowa City, IA.

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Affairs, Washington, DC.

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (CHEN, LINN, and HUGHES, *Circuit  
Judges*).

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

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

September 11, 2025  
Date



Jarrett B. Perlow  
Clerk of Court