

Exhibit 5

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

NAVY SEAL 1, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 8:21-cv-02429
)	
JOSEPH R. BIDEN, in his official capacity as President of the United States, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

DECLARATION OF COMMANDER BROOKE GRANT

I, Commander Brooke Grant, hereby declare and state:

1. I am a commissioned officer serving on active duty in the United States Coast Guard. I have served on active duty in the Coast Guard for over 19 years and am currently serving as Chief, Military Personnel Policy Development Division. I have served in this position since August, 2021. My prior assignments include Logistics Department Head, United States Coast Guard Sector Key West; Deputy, Office of Legal Policy and Program Development; and Staff Attorney, United States Seventh Coast Guard District Legal Office. I am generally aware of the allegations set forth in the pleadings filed in this matter and make this declaration in my official capacity, based upon my personal knowledge and upon information that has been provided to me in the course of my official duties. My office is the office that originally receives requests for religious accommodation from the COVID-19 vaccination requirements at Coast Guard Headquarters.

2. Subject to the data limitations and important context listed in my declaration

submitted January 7, 2022, Exhibit 1, attached to this declaration, provides an update to the available information ordered by the court. Order, 34 ECF No. 40.

3. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and information.

Dated: February 4, 2022

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BROOKE GRANT
Commander
U.S. Coast Guard

Exhibit 1 to Declaration of CDR Grant

U.S. Coast Guard Court-Ordered Data

Current as of 04 February 2022

(1) Number of religious exemption requests from COVID-19 vaccination:

# Initial Requests Under Review	# Initial Request Approved	# Initial Requests Denied	# Denials Where Chaplain Determined Belief Sincere	Total Initial Requests
715	0	578	578	1308 ¹

# Denials w/o Appeal Before Deadline ²	# Appeals Under Review	# Appeals Denied	# Appeals Approved	Fully Resolved Requests	
				Aggregate # of Approved Requests	Aggregate # of Denied Requests
Unknown	224	0	0	0	0

(2) Number of medical-exemption requests from COVID-19 vaccination:

Temporary Medical Exemption Requests	Permanent Medical Exemptions Denied	Permanent Medical Exemptions Granted	Total Permanent Medical Exemption Requests
Unknown	4	6	12

(3) Number of courts-martial and separation proceedings pending or concluded against a service member whose request for a religious exemption was denied after appeal:

Courts-Martial		Administrative Separation (ADSEP)	
Pending	Concluded	ADSEP Initiated	ADSEP Completed
0	N/A	0	0

¹ A number of members have withdrawn their request after deciding to receive the vaccine; members may have separated or retired before the package was acted on; and additional packages have been received.

² A number of appeal timeline extensions have been granted for good cause or when reasonable. The deadline is based on when the command notifies the member of the decision, not on the date the decision is signed or sent to the Command. Appeals submitted after deadline will likely still be considered.