***Operation Upgrade Pro-Bono Program***

***Understanding & Consent Form***

The American Legion Dept. of Minnesota, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Program Office recommends you utilize the Operation Upgrade pro-bono pilot program. The program is intended to assist veterans requesting a character change to their separation paperwork, (DD Form 214).

Upon agreement, representation through this program is not guaranteed to all veterans and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If your case is not selected within 90 days from the referral date, it will then be sent back to The American Legion VA&R programs office for representation. If you’re contacted by the program, they will arrange a time to meet and go over a retainer agreement outlining the type and scope of services you’ll be provided during the period your discharge upgrade case is being developed through Operation Upgrade. Once your upgrade packet is complete by the program team, you’ll have an option of having your representative send in your application and packet or bring the packet to The American Legion VA&R programs office for a cover letter by both The American Legion Department of MN and The National American Legion office.

The program is not an American Legion program. By consenting below, we will provide your information to the Operation Upgrade program. During the period for which you’re receiving assistance through the program, The American Legion will not be responsible for the development or representation of your case.

***Signature of Veteran requesting assistance through Operation Upgrade program:***

***Printed Name: First, Middle & Last***

***Date:***