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Mr. Thompson served in the Navy on the longest tour of duty of any of the American World War II forces in the South Pacific. He landed on remote islands and helped defeat well-armed and entrenched enemy troops. His experiences during the war continue to haunt him. After years of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder treatment at the VA, he was finally awarded a monthly disability payment of \$1,200. In a cruel twist, the VA withheld payments citing concerns about whether he was capable of managing those payments.

ICLC fought the VA bureaucracy for seven months. Eventually, a competency hearing determined Mr. Thompson to be capable of managing his own affairs. The more than \$8,000 in retroactive benefits he received allowed Mr. Thompson to start life anew, regaining both his pride and his independence.