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Messa & Associates Attorneys, Joseph L. Messa Jr. and Ashley B. DiLiberto Earn \$50 Million Verdict for Army Veteran against 3M Earplugs

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Breaking news came in on the evening of March 25th, 2022 with a \$50 million compensatory verdict awarded to Luke Vilsmeier, Army veteran and Special Forces Green Beret, against 3M for its defective Combat Arms 3M earplugs. This is believed to be the largest compensatory verdict for a single plaintiff against 3M in history.

Messa & Associates Attorneys, Joseph L. Messa Jr., and Ashley B. DiLiberto tried the case in Pensacola Florida over the past two weeks. Vilsmeier suffers severe noise-induced tinnitus and hearing loss due to the defective Combat Arms 3M Earplugs that had guaranteed to protect our servicemen and women's hearing.

The jury was not deceived by defense counsel's assertion that the Combat Arms earplugs were not defective or were not a cause of Mr. Vilsmeier's hearing injuries during this trial and understood the facts brought by Messa & Associates and their co-counsel, Aylstock, Witkin, Kreis & Overholtz.

Vilsmeier served in the United States Army for over 20 years, fought five combat tours, and was a Special Forces Green Beret. Vilsmeier put his life on the line to protect his country and deserved to have the best safety equipment available to him while doing so. 3M placed profits over our service members' safety and now hundreds of thousands of soldiers are facing irreversible injury because of it.

An \$8 million verdict was also awarded last night against 3M in a Tallahassee courtroom after yet another United States Military member suffered hearing injuries due to 3M Defective Combat Arms earplugs.

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