



**Department Service Officer School  
Responding to Unfavorable VA Rating Decisions  
Virtual Training, September 12 to October 2, 2022**



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11	Reading C&P Exams: Rating Exams
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20	Writing Arguments I: Using IRAC Method
21	Writing Arguments II: Inadequate VA Opinion
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