

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

JENNIFER FORD, ERIC BEARD, )  
and BRIAN OTTERS, individually )  
and on behalf of all others similarly )  
situated, )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

1:23-CV-756

VETERANS GUARDIAN VA )  
CLAIM CONSULTING, LLC, )

Defendant. )

**ORDER**

The Court has reviewed the Notice at Doc. 162, Part II, and the affidavit at Doc. 160-2 asking the Court to consider imposing restrictions on the defendant’s website communications about this case. As the Court ordinarily does not act absent a motion, and in view of the upcoming opt-out deadline and the need to provide for orderly presentation of evidence and briefing, it is **ORDERED**, in the Court’s inherent authority to manage its docket, that:

(1) The defendant **SHALL** file, no later than 5 p.m. on April 7, 2026, a verified copy of anything on its public website that specifically mentions this pending litigation or that uses the phrase “class notice,” including a transcript of any videos, and to thereafter update its filing within 24 hours of the removal of such information or the posting of any additional or modified information about the pending litigation or notices from the Court;

(2) If the plaintiffs want the Court to act related to the defendant's website, the plaintiffs **SHALL**, no later than April 8, 2026, file an appropriate motion, supported by additional evidence if any, and a brief addressing any action they ask the Court to take as to the defendant's website;

(3) The defendant may respond with evidence and a brief no later than April 10, 2026;

(4) The word limits for both briefs are shortened to 4,000 words;

(5) If defendants respond to the motion, the plaintiffs may file rebuttal evidence and a reply brief limited to 2,000 words no later than noon on April 13, 2026; and

(6) The motion, if filed, will be heard on April 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., which hearing will not be rescheduled, cancelled, or held virtually because of any attorney's other obligations. This case is important too. All parties have several attorneys of record, and one of them must be present.

This the 3rd day of April, 2026.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE