



facts and the January 21, 2010 second opinion report prepared in that case, which referenced the shooting incident and provided a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder. He also discussed the allegations and evidence contained in File No. xxxxxx462 concerning the cause of appellant's psychological condition.

The Board finds that it is essential to review the medical evidence contained in File Nos. xxxxxx246 and xxxxxx462 in order to render a full and fair adjudication of the present appeal. Due to the overlapping nature of the claims, the evidence contained in those case records will necessarily bear directly on appellant's claim for compensation in File No. xxxxxx655. Without reviewing the case record in File Nos. xxxxxx246 and xxxxxx462, the Board is unable to determine whether OWCP properly considered all relevant evidence in rendering its final decision. Accordingly, this case will be remanded for OWCP to consolidate case files xxxxxx655, xxxxxx246 and xxxxxx462. Reconstruction of the record will be followed by a *de novo* decision on the merits of the claim, in order to protect appellant's appeal rights.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' May 8, 2012 decision be set aside and the case remanded for further development consistent with this order.

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Richard J. Daschbach, Chief Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Colleen Duffy Kiko, Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia Howard Fitzgerald, Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board