

## APPLYING FOR SERVICE CONNNECTION/DISABILITY WITH THE VA

THE PROCESS BELOW APPLIES ONLY TO SERVICE MEMBERS STATIONED AT

FORT CARSON, PETERSON, USAFA, SCHRIEVER AND BUCKLEY

- 1. Claims can only be scheduled at Fort Carson. To Schedule\* an appointment with the DAV:
  - a. <u>Fort Carson: Bldg 813, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (524-2346)</u> appointments available every workday of the week by the DAV; co-located with the VA. (*messages will be returned within 24hrs*)
- 2. Once you make your appointment the VA will arrange for a copy of your records to be electronically transferred to the VA.
- 3. You still want to request a copy or CD from your Medical Facility for your personal use.

Office hours:

DAV Mon – Fri 0730 – 1400 VA Mon – Thu 0730-1430 Fri 0730-1200

- \* Ideally you can call Schedule your appointment 30 DAYS prior to your <u>180th day window</u> from your official separation or retirement from the service (Not your Transitional Leave date). Your appointment will fall within your 180 day window.
- \*Claims can be accepted all the way up to the last day of service.
- \*Also, *initiate* your retirement / separation physical prior to submitting your claim.
- Note: If you know the size of your medical record exceeds 1500 pages/5 inches, ensure you let them know as this may necessitate a longer appointment.

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## THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL DATA ARE NEEDED TO FACILITATE PROMPT ACTION ON YOUR CLAIM. FAILURE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHEN FILLING OUT YOUR CLAIM CAN DELAY PROCESSING!

- DOD TREATMENT RECORD When you request/have an appointment at Ft Carson, VA will arrange for a records transfer from the clinic. You do not have to bring a copy.
- OUT OF STATE CLAIMS: you must provide a photo copy of your records or provide a CD with all documents in PDF format. (you will not get your disk back)
- COPY OF ANY MEDICAL RECORDS THAT ARE NOT PART OF YOUR SERVICE MEDICAL RECORD (civilian/off-base records and/or records in your possession)
- A COPY OF YOUR SEPARATION/RETIREMENT PHYSICAL FORM(S) (DD Form 2807-1 or service equivalent DD Form 2808 if required)
- SOCIAL SECURITY <u>NUMBERS</u> FOR SPOUSE and ALL DEPENDENTS (info)
- DATE(S) and PLACE(S) OF MARRIAGE(S) and DIVORCE(S), NAMES OF EX-SPOUSES FOR BOTH YOU <u>and</u> YOUR SPOUSE (info)
- BIRTHDATES and PLACE OF BIRTH FOR ALL DEPENDENTS (info)
- FOR STEP CHILDREN—<u>COPY</u> OF CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE and MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE BETWEEN YOU AND SPOUSE
- FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN—<u>COPY</u> OF THE ADOPTION DECREE
- ADDRESSES OF DEPENDENTS NOT LIVING WITH YOU(under 18 or 23 if in College)
- DIRECT DEPOSIT INFO ACCT #, ROUTING #, NAME OF BANK
- DD FORMS 214 (MEMBER 4 COPY) FROM PREVIOUS PERIODS OF SERVICE

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