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About DAV

- Disabled American Veterans
- Private, non-governmental, not-for-profit, veterans service organization founded in 1920.
- Helps more than 1 million veterans in life-changing ways yearly with career fairs, employment resources and no-cost medical transportation.











We are dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of earned benefits available to them, fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill, providing access to employment resources and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.



How we accomplish our mission

- More than 100 offices throughout the U.S. and in Puerto Rico.
- More than 300 national and transition service officers.
- Counsel and represent service members and their families with claims for benefits from the VA, DOD and other government agencies.
- Continual training to stay up to date on changes in all laws and regulations affecting benefits.





National and transition service offices





How can DAV assist in your transition?

- Review your service treatment records to identify conditions that may warrant disability compensation by the VA.
- Explain the claims process, assist in completing forms, and present all claims information for you to VA.
- Represent your claims during their adjudicative and possible appeals processes.





What is disability compensation?

A VA monetary tax-free benefit paid for an illness or injury incurred or aggravated by active military service, known as a "service-connected disability."

Examples of injuries and illnesses that may warrant compensation...

- Fractures
- Arthritis
- Dermatitis
- Hypertension
- Sleep Apnea
- Migraines/Headaches

- Hearing loss
- Erectile Dysfunction or infertility
- Gastro-Esophageal reflux disease
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome
- Ulcers
- Anxiety & Depression



Other areas service connection can make a difference

- Federal employment preference
- Vocational rehabilitation & education benefits
- VA home loan guarantees
- Healthcare at VA
- VA life insurance
- Property tax exemptions
- Educational tuition waivers
- State and local benefits
- Death benefits for your family



When and who you should meet with?

- Six months or less before discharge, reach out to your transition service office.
- Anytime after discharge, no matter your location, you can reach out to a national service office by looking one up at DAV.org.





What should you bring?

- Copy of service medical and treatment records.
- Copy of all non-military private practice medical and treatment records.
- Copy of all dental records.
- If applicable, copy of your marriage certificate and children's birth certificate or adoption decree.
- Dependents' social security numbers.
- Direct deposit information.
- Copy of any prior DD 214s.





- Obtain copies of all records and schedule an appointment with DAV.
- DAV conducts an in-depth review and assists in completing all required forms.
- Claims are presented to the VA.
- VA schedules a Compensation and Pension Examination.
- Upon discharge, present a copy of your DD 214 MEMBER-4 to DAV and the VA.
- The VA decides claim.







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