

Macomb County Veterans Office



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Mission Statement

"To Care for him who shall have borne the battle,
and for his widow and his orphan"

Abraham Lincoln



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Intro

- ◆ Macomb County Veteran Center is NOT the Veterans Administration. We are Veteran Advocates who assist Veterans through the claim process !!!

Intro

- ◆ **About 50000 Vets in Macomb County**



Intro

- ◆ World War II Veterans
- ◆ Korean Veterans
- ◆ Vietnam Veterans
- ◆ Gulf War Veterans

- ◆ Peacetime Veterans



Service Connected Compensation

4 Types:

- ◆ Direct Connect
- ◆ Presumptive
- ◆ Secondary
- ◆ Aggravated

Service Connected Compensation

Direct Service Connect 3 Types of Proof



1. Injury or Disease received and caused In-Service
2. Have to have a CHRONIC condition now
3. There has to be a Nexus between the 2

Example: You developed Hearing loss in service because you worked around loud Aircraft or were in an artillery unit. 40 years later you STILL have a chronic hearing problem. If you can prove link between the 2 you have a claim.

Service Connected Compensation

Presumptive

This is where you do not have to prove a connection between your Injury/Disease and your current condition.

Example: Agent Orange

The VA has said if you stepped foot in Vietnam from 1961-1975, you have a disease on the Presumptive list you are presumed to have received it as a result of Agent Orange exposure.



Agent Orange Presumptive List

- ◆ Chloracne
- ◆ Porphyria Cutanea Tarda
- ◆ Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- ◆ Lung Cancer
- ◆ Trachea Cancer
- ◆ Bronchus Cancer
- ◆ Larynx Cancer
- ◆ Prostate Cancer
- ◆ Lymphocytic Leukemia
- ◆ Type II Diabetes
- ◆ Hairy cell Leukemia
- ◆ Parkinson's Disease
- ◆ Ischemic Heart Disease

A VA working group working to see if Bladder cancer, Hypothyroidism and Parkinson's-like symptoms should be added

Gulf War Presumptive List

- ◆ Chronic fatigue syndrome
- ◆ Fibromyalgia
- ◆ Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Note: Any Undiagnosed illness

Signs or symptoms include fatigue, skin symptoms, headaches, muscle pains, joint pain, respiratory symptoms, sleep disturbance, GI symptoms, or cardiovascular symptoms or weight loss.

◆ Most Recent Additions

- ◆ West Nile virus
- ◆ Malaria
- ◆ Shigella
- ◆ Mycobacterium Tuberculosis
- ◆ Nontyphoid Salmonella
- ◆ Brucellosis

Service Connected Compensation

Secondary

Secondary Service connection is where you have a primary service connection problem and THAT causes a "secondary" problem.

Service Connected Compensation

Aggravated:

Aggravated service connected means that you had a pre-existing condition prior to entering service. Your condition was AGGRAVATED while on active duty.

CRDP

Concurrent Retirement Disability Pay

- ◆ 50 Percent or higher VA disability rating
- ◆ Reserve Retiree with 20 years and a VA disability rating of 50 percent or higher
- ◆ You are retired under Temporary Early Retirement and have a disability rating of 50 percent or greater

CRSC


Combat Related Special Compensation Eligibility

Eligibility

- ◆ Receiving Military Retired Pay
- ◆ Be rated at least 10 percent by the VA
- ◆ Waive your VA pay from retirement pay
- ◆ File a CRSC from your branch of service

CRSC

Combat Related Special Compensation Definition of “Combat Related”

- ◆ Armed Conflict
 - ◆ Hazardous Duty
 - ◆ An Instrumentality of War
 - ◆ Simulated War
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Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

This is a Program for survivors of Veterans who had a spouse/husband who died as a result of something he contracted in service.

Example: Male veteran dies of ALS, (Lou Gehrig's disease) the wife can get a flat rate of around 1254 a month (In 2016 dollars) for the rest of her life.

