Macomb County Veterans Office









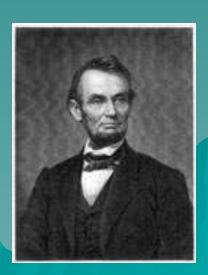


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Mission Statement

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

Abraham Lincoln



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 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



4 Types:

- Direct Connect
- Presumptive
- Secondary
- Aggravated

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.

Presumptive

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

Example: Agent Orange





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'slike symptoms should be added

Gulf War Presumptive List

- Chronic fatigue syndrome
- Fibromyalgia
- Irritable Bowell 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

Secondary

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

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

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.

