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Who do we serve??



Veterans, Currently Serving Service Members, and their families.

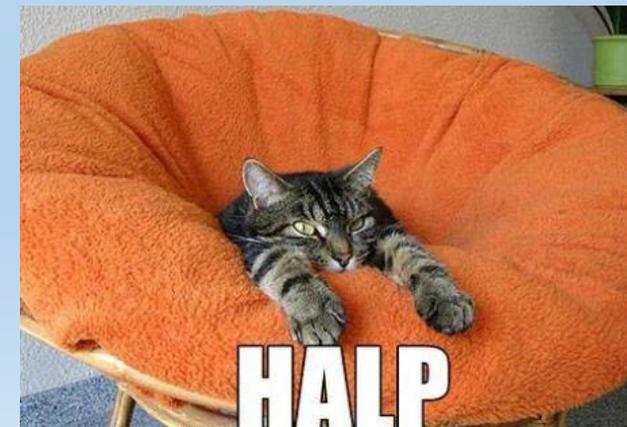
SERVICES OFFERED

- Compensation for service connected injuries or illness
- Pension for wartime veterans and widows
- Burial Benefits
- VA Health Care enrollment and referral
- Mental Health referral
- Crisis assistance
- Financial assistance and referral
- Housing
- Employment
- Education Benefits
- Transportation
- Adaptive Equipment
- Legal issue referral
- Special Licensing, property tax exemption, ID cards
- Finding Records
- Discharge Upgrades
- Military pay and retirement issues



Don't ask

But yes, I could use some help

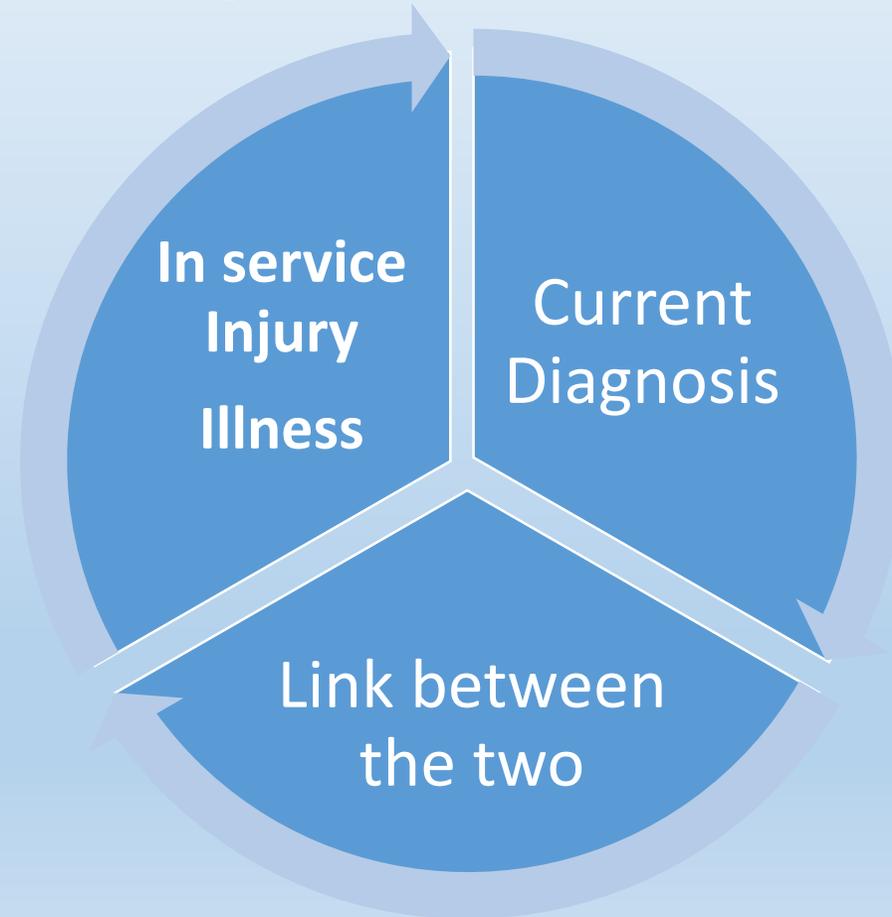
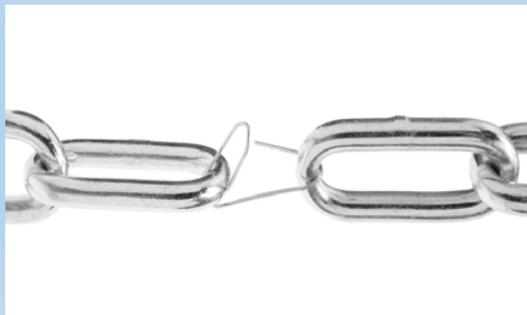


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VA Compensation

3 things each claim needs



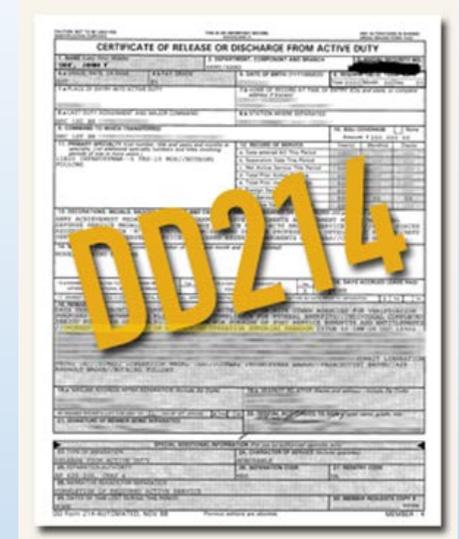
A vertical stack of three elements on a white background. At the top is a circular icon containing a blue question mark with a small white figure sitting on it. Below this is a dark blue horizontal bar with the word "DIAGNOSIS" in white capital letters. At the bottom is a blue silhouette of a person's head and shoulders with a stethoscope around their neck. Below the silhouette is the word "Treatment" in black text.



Compensation

Active Duty Based

Need your DD 214



Types :

- Direct Service, Aggravated, Presumptive, Secondary, VA Negligence

Additional "Special Circumstance" types:

- Temp 100%, unemployability, Special Monthly Comp, Survivor pension for spouses , ALS, Catastrophic conditions and increases.

Things to know

- Appeals
- Evidence to support claim
- Address Changes
- Direct Deposit Changes
- Changes in Dependents

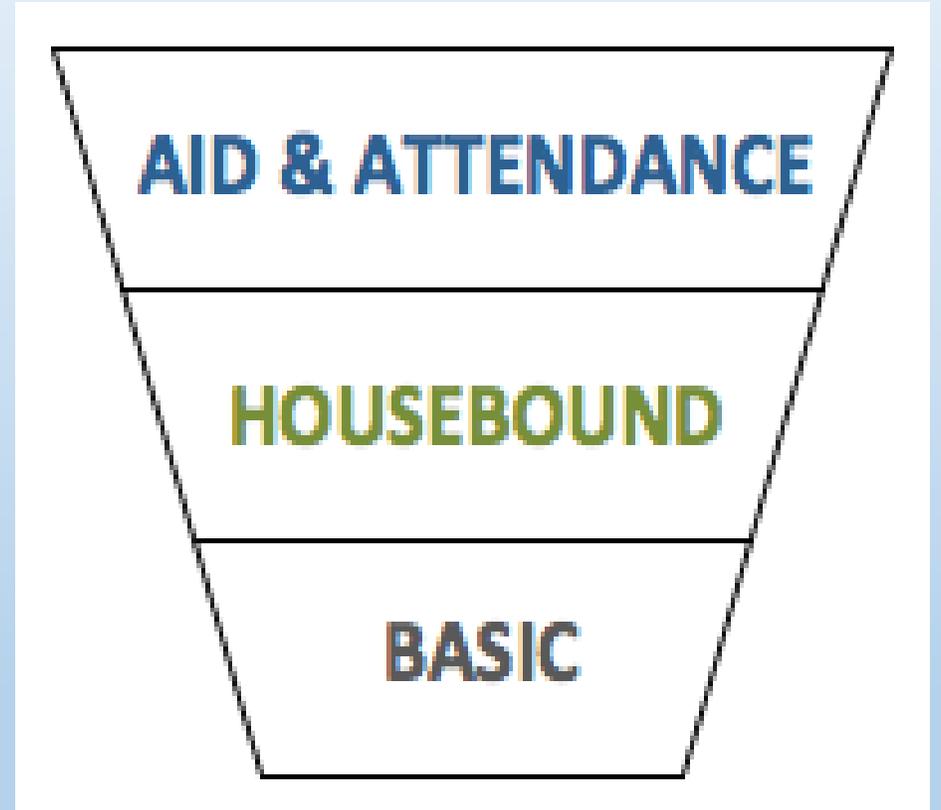


VA Pension

Veterans Pension: Tax-free monetary benefit payable to low-income wartime Veterans.

Survivors Pension: Tax-free monetary benefit payable to a low-income, un-remarried surviving spouse and/or unmarried child(ren) of a deceased Veteran with wartime service.

- Age 65 or older with limited or no income, **OR**
- Totally and permanently disabled, **OR**
- A patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care, **OR**
- Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, **OR**
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income



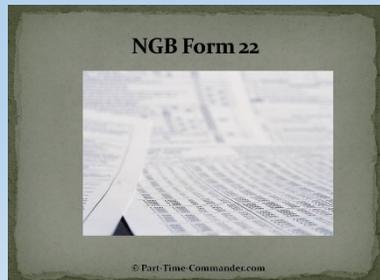
Active Duty Based

Need your DD 214



VA Burial/Death Benefits

- Flags for burial
- Burial Allowance for individuals who are VA eligible or service connected
- Federal and State Cemetery pre-registration and burial
- Grave Markers
- Survivors pension applications for survivors who are eligible
- VA Presidential Certificate Requests
- Bronze Star Grave Markers



Bring in your DD 214

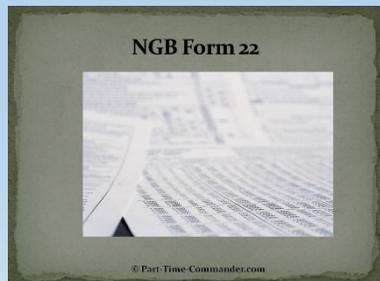
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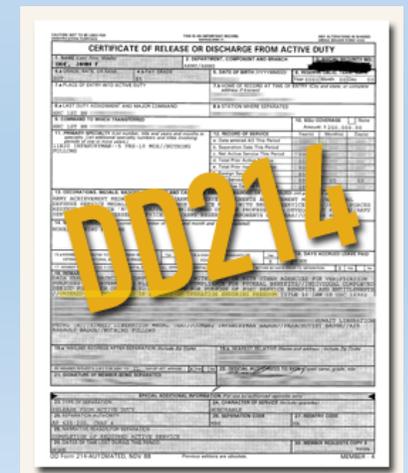
VA Health Care



- Enrollments and Referrals
- Health Care, Mental Health, Blind Rehab, Adaptive Equipment, Addiction, Caregiver programs, Chaplains, Short Long Term Care, Dental, Disease prevention, Dementia programs, Diabetes counseling, Employment, Geriatrics, Homeless Services, Mental Health, My health e vet, PTSD support, Pharmacy, Prosthetics, Re-Adjustment programs, Telehealth, Crisis Line, Weight Management, Women's Health, Adoptions, Fertility programs, optical, hearing, home care programs. Pain management- Acupuncture and Chiropractic.



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Transportation and adaptive Equipment





***Special Needs Grant (Once in a Lifetime Financial Crisis)**

***Optical Assistance**

***Dental Assistance**

***Housing/Homelessness**

***Women's Programs**

***Education**

***Subsistence**

***Employment**

***State Cemetery- Little Falls, Duluth, Preston and under construction-Leech Lake**

***State Veterans Homes- Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis and Silver Bay.**

***DNR Fishing and Hunting License for 100% permanent and total disabled**

***MN Property Tax Exclusion for 70% and above service connected disability**



MINNESOTA ASSISTANCE COUNCIL FOR VETERANS



SERVING VETERANS THROUGHOUT MINNESOTA



- Housing
- Employment
- Legal Assistance
- Referral for financial counseling
- Events to improve lives of veterans



FAMILY ASSISTANCE



**Beyond the
Yellow Ribbon**

LSS Behavioral Health Services Family and Individual Counseling
888.881.8261 or our area Representative Stacy at 320-251-7700 Free Family
Counseling. Just provide a DD 214

<http://www.lssmn.org/behavioralhealth/contact/>



Other Benefits



VA Home Loans

Life Insurance

Finding Military Records

Military Retirements

Military Awards

Vets.gov, ebenefits, my health evet

Veterans Crisis Line

Senior Linkage

ID Cards

Information on Discounts

Certify DD 214

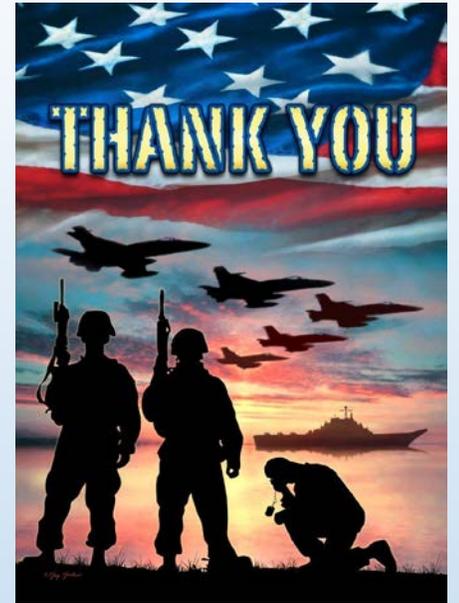
Veterans Events

Wellness



IMPORTANT

- Bring in DD 214
- Report Changes of address, marital status, death
- Save your military medical records
- All service members should see us after completing active duty
- See us when you retire
- See us when health conditions change



THANK YOU
for joining us!

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**Change of
Address**