

Links for Veterans

Below are web-sites that provide information on Veterans benefits and how to file/ask for them. Accordingly, there are many sites that explain how to obtain books, military/medical records, information and how to appeal a denied claim with the VA. Please pass this information on to every Veteran you know. Nearly 100% of this information is free and available for all veterans, the only catch is: you have to ask for it, because they won't tell you about a specific benefit unless you ask for it. You need to know what questions to ask so the right doors open for you - and then be ready to have an advocate who is willing to work with and for you, stay in the process, and press for your rights and your best interests.

Appeals: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc
Board of Veteran's Appeals: <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>
CARES Commission: <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>
CARES Draft National Plan: <http://www1.va.gov/cares/page.cfm?pg=105>
Center for Minority Veterans: <http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>
Center for Veterans Enterprise: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm>
Center for Women Veterans: <http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/>
Clarification on the changes in VA healthcare for Gulf War Veterans: <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HTML/000016.html>
Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans Assoc.: <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html>
Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War Service: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6
http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6/ch07.doc
Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>
Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page: <http://www.va.gov/>
Directory of Veterans Service Organizations: <http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view>
Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm>
Due Process: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc
Duty to Assist: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch01.doc
Electronic Code of Federal Regulations: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/>
Emergency, Non-emergency, and Fee Basis Care: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>
Environmental Agents: <http://www1.va.gov/environagents/>
Environmental Agents M10: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1002
Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315
EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR GULF WAR AND IRAQI FREEDOM VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU): <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHandbook1303122304.DOC> and http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1158
See also, Depleted Uranium Fact Sheet: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DepletedUraniumFAQSheet.doc>
EVALUATION PROTOCOL FOR NON-GULF WAR VETERANS WITH POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM (DU): <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHANDBOOKNONGW130340304.DOC>
Fee Basis, PRIORITY FOR OUTPATIENT MEDICAL SERVICES AND INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=206
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents 2005: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf>
OR, http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.htm

Forms and Records Request: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>
General Compensation Provisions: http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter11_subchaptervi_.html
Geriatrics and Extended Care: <http://www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/>
Guideline for Chronic Pain and Fatigue MUS-CPG: http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus_base.htm
Guide to Gulf War Veteran's Health: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/VHlgulfwar.pdf>
Gulf War Subject Index: <http://www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7> and <http://www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7&template=main&letter=A&template=main&letter=A>
Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q&As: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandAsIB1041.pdf>
Hearings: <http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admi> - http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch04.docn21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch04.doc
Homeless Veterans: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/>
HSR&D Home: <http://www.hsr.d.research.va.gov/>
Index to Disability Examination Worksheets C&P exams: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/exams/index.htm>
Ionizing Radiation: <http://www1.va.gov/irad/>
Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom Veterans VBA: <http://www.vba.va.gov/EFIF/>
M10 for spouses and children: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1007 - http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1007
M10 Part III Change 1: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1008
M21-1 Table of Contents: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21_1.html
Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4_130.DOC
Mental Health Program Guidelines: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094
Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers: <http://www.mirecc.med.va.gov/>
MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Centers of Excellence: <http://www.va.gov/ms/about.asp>
My Health e Vet: <http://www.myhealth.va.gov/>
NASDVA.COM National Association of State Directors: <http://www.nasdva.com/>
National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention: <http://www.nchpdp.med.va.gov/postdeploymentlinks.asp>
Neurological Conditions and Convulsive Disorders, Schedule of Ratings: <http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4%5F124a.doc> - http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38cfr/bookc/part4/s4_124a.doc
OMI (Office of Medical Inspector): <http://www.omi.cio.med.va.gov/>
Online VA Form 10-10EZ: <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/>
Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Disorders: <http://www1.va.gov/resdev/funding/solicitations/docs/parkinsons.pdf> and, <http://www1.va.gov/padrecc/>
Peacetime Disability Compensation: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc - http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1131&docid=Cite:+38USC1131
Pension for Non-Service-Connected Disability or Death: http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteri_.html and, http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapterii_.html and, http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partii_chapter15_subchapteriii_.html
Persian Gulf Registry: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1003
This program is now referred to as Gulf War Registry Program (to include Operation Iraqi Freedom) as of March 7, 2005: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1232
Persian Gulf Registry Referral Centers: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1006

Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 1999, Annual Report To Congress
http://www1.va.gov/resdev/1999_Gulf_War_Veterans'_Illnesses_Appendices.doc
Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 2002, Annual Report To Congress:
http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/gulf_war_2002/GulfWarRpt02.pdf
Phase I PGR: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1004
Phase II PGR: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1005
Policy Manual Index: <http://www.va.gov/publ/direc/eds/edsmps.htm>
Power of Attorney: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc
Project 112 (Including Project SHAD): <http://www1.va.gov/shad/>
Prosthetics Eligibility: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=337
Public Health and Environmental Hazards Home Page: <http://www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov/>
Public Health/SARS: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/SARS/>
Publications Manuals: <http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=4>
Publications and Reports:
http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/pubs_individual.cfm?webpage=gulf_war.htm
Records Center and Vault Homepage: <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/default.html>
Records Center and Vault Site Map: <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/sitemap.html>
REQUEST FOR AND CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM CLAIMANT'S RECORDS: <http://www.forms.va.gov/va/Internet/VARF/getformharness.asp?formName=3288-form.xft>
Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses April 11, 2002:
http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes_April112002.doc
Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses: http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/ReportandRecommendations_2004.pdf
Research and Development: http://www.appc1.va.gov/resdev/programs/all_programs.cfm
Survivor's and Dependents' Educational Assistance:
http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/partiii_chapter35_.html

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Part 3 Adjudication

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Pensions, Bonuses & Veterans Relief

(also 3.317 Compensation for certain disabilities due to undiagnosed illnesses found here):
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4.16 Total disability ratings for compensation based on unemployability of the individual.

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U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: <http://www.vetapp.gov/>

VA Best Practice Manual for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD):

<http://www.avapl.org/pub/PTSD%20Manual%20final%206.pdf>

VA Fact Sheet: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/gwfs.html>

VA Health Care Eligibility: <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/home/hecmain.asp>

VA INSTITUTING GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF FUNCTION (GAF):

<http://www.avapl.org/gaf/gaf.html>

VA Life Insurance Handbook, Chapter 3:

<http://www.insurance.va.gov/inForceGliSite/GLIhandbook/glibookletch3.htm#310>

VA Loan Lending Limits and Jumbo Loans: http://valoans.com/va_facts_limits.cfm

VA MS Research: <http://www.va.gov/ms/about.asp>

VA National Hepatitis C Program: <http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/>

VA Office of Research and Development: <http://www1.va.gov/resdev/>

VA Trainee Pocket Card on Gulf War: <http://www.va.gov/OAA/pocketcard/gulfwar.asp>

VA WMD EMSG: <http://www1.va.gov/emshg/>

VA WRIISC-DC: <http://www.va.gov/WRIISC-DC/>

VAOIG Hotline Telephone Number and Address: <http://www.va.gov/oig/hotline/hotline3.htm>

Vet Center Eligibility - Readjustment Counseling Service: <http://www.va.gov/rcs/Eligibility.htm>

Veterans Benefits Administration Main Web Page: <http://www.vba.va.gov/>

Veterans Legal and Benefits Information: <http://valaw.org/>

VHA Forms, Publications, Manuals: <http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/>

VHA Programs - Clinical Programs & Initiatives:

http://www1.va.gov/health_benefits/page.cfm?pg=13

VHA Public Health Strategic Health Care Group Home Page: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/>

VHI Guide to Gulf War Veterans^(tm) Health:

http://www1.va.gov/vhi_ind_study/gulfwar/istudy/index.asp

Vocational Rehabilitation: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/>

Vocational Rehabilitation Subsistence: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/InterSubsistencefy04.doc>

VONAPP online: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

WARMS - 38 CFR Book C: <http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/bookc.html>
Wartime Disability Compensation: http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc - http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=browse_usc&docid=Cite:+38USC1110> &docid=Cite:+38USC1110
War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center - New Jersey: <http://www.wri.med.va.gov/>
Welcome to the GI Bill Web Site: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>
What VA Social Workers Do: <http://www1.va.gov/socialwork/page.cfm?pg=3>
WRIISC Patient Eligibility: <http://www.illegion.org/va1.html>