

Are you a proud veteran with a disability? Many of you find that your medical condition makes it extremely tough to navigate the sometimes-overwhelming administrative procedures required to obtain the benefits to which you are entitled. If you feel this frustration, you must keep reading!

Myth: A VA disability rating will affect my future employment options.

In most circumstances, having a VA disability rating would not even be considered by employers unless the position required you to be in top physical condition, such as with firefighters and other first responders. On the upside, the VA disability rating may actually help you acquire additional Veterans Preference Points with regard to federal employment.

Not sure if you are eligible for a disability claim. A VA survey indicates that only 50% of the veterans that should be receiving disability monies even realize they are eligible to apply for a service-connected compensation or pension. Many other benefits, such as health care or educational pursuits, are also not taken advantage of by deserving veterans. Following up on these possibilities could prove to be a life-changing decision.

Military Disability is compensation and benefits that are available to all veterans who have service-connected conditions. There are two categories under Military Disability:

- DoD's Military Disability: The DoD awards compensation for service-connected conditions that make a person "Unfit for Duty".
- VA Military Disability: The VA provides compensation for any and all service-connected conditions.

A DoD claim must be processed through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System. The goal of this integrated system is to make the process faster and easier for the service member to be reviewed by both organizations simultaneously. Once the Physical Evaluation Board reviews and indicates which service-connected conditions qualify, the VA assigns a rating to each condition. All of this determines what percentage of disability is granted. If you disagree, there is an appeal process that you can pursue. Again, the process can be intimidating and can take a long time. Having legal representation in this situation is strongly encouraged to help make the process as smooth and timely as possible and to stimulate positive results.

Can a disability be temporary? Of course it can. As a matter of fact, for severe medical situations that are service related, there are three types of temporary disability ratings:

Prestabilization- Applies to recently-discharged veterans with a severe disabling or unstable condition that is expected to last for an indefinite time period and, consequently, gainful employment is not feasible. A reevaluation is done periodically.

Hospitalization- If you are hospitalized for more than 21 days in a VA hospital or VA-approved facility for a service-related condition, you will most likely qualify for this type of temporary disability.

Convalescence- Recovery from a disease, a surgical operation, or an injury lasting for a period of at least one month; severe postoperative wounds that necessitate the continuous use of crutches or a wheelchair and keep the veteran housebound; or having one or more major joints immobilized even without surgery are the conditions covered by this disability.

As the eligibility requirements for each benefit vary, it is often wise to request legal assistance to verify if you fall into any of these categories and to ensure you receive the maximum benefit allowed. Although this barely scrapes the surface, you can see that there are many forks in the road and choices to be made as you progress. [Click here](#) for help in making the right decisions!

Myth: Receiving VA Disability benefits will prevent someone who needs them more from being approved.

Since there is no minimum quota or maximum number of veterans who can receive benefits, this is certainly not the case. Notably, the VA does prioritize veterans based on their rating and economic standing, among other factors. VA benefits are for all veterans, not just those in the greatest need. You proudly served your country and deserve the benefits you have earned.

You deserve to be adequately compensated! Research indicates that having any type of legal representation involved when filing your claim will increase your end result in a big way! Legal assistance will provide experienced guidance through the maze and help ensure you receive the full compensation to which you are entitled. This difference between doing it yourself and enlisting legal assistance has been proven to be thousands of dollars per year in almost every case!

Myth: I already receive military retirement pay and VA Disability compensation will only reduce it.

This is partially true. If your disability rating is 40% or lower, your military retirement pay will be reduced by the disability compensation. However, VA disability compensation is tax free so the math favors the veteran. With a 50% or higher disability rating, the veteran is eligible to receive Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP), which means full military retirement pay and full disability compensation payments will be received each month.

Do yourself a favor and call George Sink, Sr., at 1-888-398-3625 for a **FREE** review of your case and situation **NOW!** He understands your frustrations as he has traveled the same path and, through tenacious perseverance, has discovered and developed the best tactics to administer in order to achieve the best results for you.