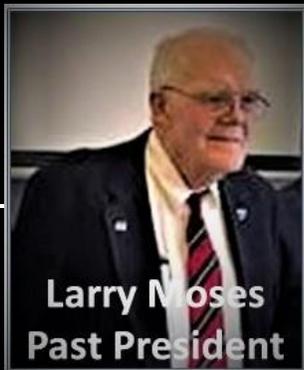


VA Services and Benefits



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Our Focus Today

How VA Works

How DAV Assists Veterans
in the Process

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)



About:

- Employs over 400,000 people
- Annual Budget – Over \$200,000,000,000 (\$200 Billion)
- VA Started in 1930

Mission:

- Life-Long Medical Care for eligible Veterans
- Determining Disabilities and Compensation
- Burial and Internment

Where:

- (170) VA Medical Centers and Clinics
- (135) National Cemeteries

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)



Founded:

- In 1920 by WWI Veterans to assist in establishing disabilities

Federal Charter:

- Granted in 1932
- No Federal Funding
- Over 1 million dues paying members

Mission:

- Assist Veterans in disability claims process

Medical Treatment by Veteran Affairs

Determine if Eligible

- Call 1-877-222-8387

Community Based Outreach Clinic - Mt. Vernon

- Medical Treatment
- Optical Clinic
- Audiology Clinic

VA Hospital

- In Seattle
- Full Service
- Many Fine Physicians

Compensation for Disabilities

Must be Service Connected

Apply at DAV

Rates from 10% 100%

Requires Supporting Evidence

- Military Service Medical Records
- DD214
- Civilian Medical Records

Compensation for Disabilities

(Fact Sheet Available)

Presumptive Listings

- Vietnam Veterans
- Chronic and Tropical
- Ionizing Radiation
- Burn Pit Exposure
- Gulf War Veterans

List of Diseases Associated With Exposure to Certain Herbicide Agents

- AL amyloidosis
- Type 2 diabetes
- Hodgkin's disease
- Ischemic heart disease
- All chronic B-cell leukemias
- Multiple myeloma
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Parkinson's disease
- Prostate cancer
- Respiratory cancers (cancer of the lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea)
- Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma or mesothelioma); the term "soft-tissue sarcoma" includes the following:
 - Adult fibrosarcoma
 - Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans
 - Malignant fibrous histiocyoma
 - Liposarcoma
 - Leiomyosarcoma
 - Epithelioid leiomyosarcoma (malignant leiomyoblastoma)
 - Bladder Cancer
 - Hypothyroidism
 - Parkinsonism
- Rhabdomyosarcoma
- Ectomesenchymoma
- Angiosarcoma (hemangiosarcoma and lymphangiosarcoma)
- Proliferating (systemic) angioendotheliomatosis
- Malignant glomus tumor
- Malignant hemangiopericytoma
- Synovial sarcoma (malignant synovioma)
- Malignant giant cell tumor of tendon sheath
- Malignant schwannoma
- Malignant mesenchymoma
- Malignant granular cell tumor
- Alveolar soft part sarcoma
- Epithelioid sarcoma
- Clear cell sarcoma of tendons and aponeuroses
- Extraskeletal Ewing's sarcoma
- Congenital and infantile fibrosarcoma
- Malignant ganglioneuroma
- Chloracne or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda, and early-onset peripheral neuropathy **

**** Only if manifested to a degree of 10% or more within a year after the last date on which the veteran was exposed during active military, naval or air service**

List of Diseases Associated with Ionizing Radiation

- Leukemia (other than chronic lymphocytic leukemia)
- Cancer of the thyroid
- Cancer of the breast
- Cancer of the pharynx
- Cancer of the esophagus
- Cancer of the stomach
- Cancer of the small intestine
- Cancer of the pancreas
- Multiple myeloma
- Lymphomas (except Hodgkin's disease)
- Cancer of the bile ducts
- Cancer of the gallbladder.
- Primary liver cancer (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated)
- Cancer of the salivary gland
- Cancer of the urinary tract (kidneys, renal pelves, ureters, urinary bladder and urethra)
- Bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma
- Cancer of the bone
- Cancer of the brain
- Cancer of the colon
- Cancer of the lung
- Cancer of the ovary

Burn Pit Exposure Locations

- Iraq
- Afghanistan
- Kuwait
- Saudi Arabia
- Bahrain
- Djibouti
- Gulf of Aden

- Gulf of Oman
- Oman
- Qatar
- United Arab Emirates
- Waters of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea and Red Sea

Potential Disabilities

- Asthma
- Chronic bronchitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis
- Coughing that does not subside
- Difficulty breathing
- Headaches and migraines
- Heart conditions
- Leukemia

- Lung cancer
- Pulmonary ailments
- Reduced liver or kidney function
- Skin cancer
- Skin lesions
- Stomach cancer
- Throat infections

Gulf War Veterans

Symptoms of Undiagnosed Illness

- Iraq
- Kuwait
- Saudi Arabia
- The neutral zone between Saudi Arabia and Iraq
- Bahrain
- Qatar

- Oman
- Gulfs of Aden and Oman
- Water of the Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea and the Red Sea
- Airspace above these locations
- United Arab Emirates

- Fatigue
- Signs or symptoms involving skin
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Joint pain
- Neurological signs or symptoms
- Neuropsychological signs or symptoms
- Chronic fatigue syndrome **
- Fibromyalgia **
- Functional gastrointestinal disorders **

- Signs or symptoms involving the respiratory system (upper or lower)
- Sleep disturbances
- Gastrointestinal signs or symptoms
- Cardiovascular signs or symptoms
- Abnormal weight loss
- Menstrual disorders

**** Medically unexplained chronic multi-symptom illness**

Death Benefits

Burial

- ❖ VA National Cemeteries
- ❖ Plot Allowance
- ❖ Headstone and Markers
- ❖ US Flag
- ❖ Military Funeral Honors Provided

Arlington National Cemetery

Allowed if Veteran has:

- ✓ Medal of Honor
- ✓ Distinguished Service Cross
- ✓ Navy Cross
- ✓ Air Force Cross
- ✓ Distinguished Service Medal
- ✓ Silver Star
- ✓ Purple Heart

Burial and Plot Internment Allowance

(Fact Sheets Available)

Compensation Following Death

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

- Monthly Non-taxable benefit

Paid to eligible survivor of:

- Veteran who died of Service-Connected injury or disease
- OR**
- Veteran who did not die of service-connected disability but was totally disabled by service-connected disability for at least 10 years before death.

Who is Eligible?

(Fact Sheet Available)

Surviving Spouse

- Has not re-married!

OR

- Married to Veteran before January 1, 1957!

OR

- Married to Deceased Veteran for at Least one Year!

OR

- Remarried on or after December 16, 2003 and was at least 57 years old!

Surviving Pension Benefit

(Fact Sheet Available)

- Payable to Low-Income un-remarried surviving spouse of a deceased veteran with wartime service!
- Complicated to Complete!
 - Probably not applicable to this audience.
- DIC Pays more!

**Important
Information
about
COVID 19!**

If Death Certificate indicates Covid was the primary or Secondary cause of Death apply to FEMA for refund of all funeral expenses

Customer Care Center
800-321-1080

Some useful phone numbers

- Defense Finance and Accounting **888-332-7411**
- Veterans Administration **1-800-827-1000**
- Medicare **1-800-633-4227**
- Express Scripts **877-363-1303**
- DEERS **800-538-9552**
- DAV Oak Harbor **360-682-2945**

More useful phone Numbers

- DAV Seattle 206-341-8267
- CBOC Mount Vernon 360-848-8500
- Headstones VA 800-697-6947
- National Personnel Records Center 314-801-0800
- Social Security 1-800-772-1213
- VA Health Eligibility Center 404-828-5257

Questions?

