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We believe
That our veterans
~our nation's defenders~
Deserve the care,
Benefits, and compensation
They were promised
And the best legal services,
Free of charge,
To meet their challenges.

#theyfoughtforus

About The Consortium



TVC is a leading non-profit organization that has provided pro bono legal representation in federal venues to Veterans, their families, caregivers & survivors since 1992.

The Veterans Consortium has helped more than 60,500 individuals, taken over 6,600 cases for deserving clients, and trained more than 5,475 pro bono attorneys and associated professionals for our TVC National Volunteer Corps.



What We Do

- **Facilitate pro bono representation in Federal venues to qualifying veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.**
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
 - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
 - U.S. Supreme Court
- **Facilitate pro bono representation for cases on remand to the BVA from the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims**
- **Facilitate pro bono legal services for qualifying discharge upgrades**
 - Discharge Review Board cases
 - Board for Correction of Military Records cases



What We Do

- **Operate pro bono legal advice & referral clinics**
 - Local legal clinics, including one for women veterans specifically
 - Weekly legal information clinic at the VAMC in Washington, DC
- **Operate the Women Veterans Legal Assistance Program (WVLAP).** Female volunteers assist women veterans with their Military Sexual Trauma (MST) claims through a culturally competent approach.
- **Operate the Veterans Naturalization Assistance Program (VNAP)** to assist veterans with applications for citizenship through military service.





TVC CAVC Program

- We review final decisions from the Board of Veterans' Appeals when the Veteran has been denied entitlement to benefits, such as compensation for disabilities incurred in or aggravated during active military service.
- We train our volunteers to represent Veterans before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. This includes:
 - Screening
 - Mentoring
 - Case Placement
 - Pro bono representation to veterans with cases on remand from the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Help Us Help Your Veteran/Claimant

Know what you need

- Service connection
- Increased Rating

Know your deadlines

- Accrued benefits
- Requests to “reopen” vs 3.156(b) submissions
- Motions for reconsideration to BVA

Where to find the evidence to position the case for success (papering the file)

- Buddy/lay statements
- Historical documents
- Internet articles
- Unit Histories



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Sandy Peterson

Director, Client Services

What is Client Services?

- We assist with the cases that are being appealed/have been appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court)
- We answer phone calls (and letters, and emails!), process forms, set up case files, help move them along in our process all the way to completion of the case at the Court



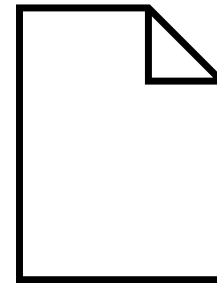
Client Services Mission Statement

“We help Veterans and their families appeal the unjust denial of VA benefits to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court) and help them obtain pro bono legal representation through our Program. In addition, we assist pro se appellants as they navigate the Court process. We strive to provide quality legal services by handling the needs of veterans and their families with courtesy, compassion and diligence.”



What Client Services Does

- Reach out to prospective clients with our Program forms and information to newly docketed pro se cases at the Court
- Send the Court Forms and our Program Forms to those who contact us that received a recent denial from the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA or Board)
- Support the Court: We answer questions people have about the Court's process and deadlines, explain case status, provide general guidance and forms for pro se filings, schedule telephone appointments to provide general legal assistance to pro se appellants at the Court from one of our attorneys





What Client Services Does

- When our Program forms are returned, we process the forms and get the case to our litigation team to review and see if we can assist
 - We try to provide a free attorney for as many cases as we can. However, if we can't find merit in the appeal, or if the vet doesn't qualify financially for our Program, we let them know and are still available for case questions on our helpline
- Field questions via calls, emails, letters and faxes, and provide resources to those who are not yet at a stage where we can assist (i.e. needing to start a new claim, RO denial questions, or issues outside the VA Claims system)



How to File an Appeal

If you have someone who wants to appeal a Board of Veterans Appeals denial:

- Have them fill out our Program forms as well as the Court Forms to appeal
- They can download the forms from our website, OR
- They can fill them out using our online application (<https://www.vetsprobono.org/cavcrep/>)
- We can also mail, email, or fax the forms

NOTE: We will also need a copy of the Board decision!

We can review the decision and file the appeal for them (whether we represent them or not)



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

Notice of Appeal (NOA)

The following named Appellant appeals to the Court from a final Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) decision.

The BVA's decision was dated _____.

Appellant's printed name

VA claims file number

Appellant's telephone number

Appellant's address

Appellant's email address

If other than Appellant, your name/relationship to Appellant

By initialing here, Appellant requests that the Court send all appeal-related documents by email instead of mail.

(initial)

Signature* of person filing this notice

(*You may electronically sign by typing "/s/" and then your name in the signature block above: for example, /s/John Doe.)

Only if this NOA is filed by a representative, check one of the following:

☐

My Notice of Appearance is attached.

☐

My representation is limited to the filing of this NOA, and I aver to the Court, in accordance with Rule 46(b)(2), that Appellant has been advised, or alternatively will be advised, of Appellant's responsibility to abide by the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, including the need to timely serve and submit for filing a brief. (Complete items below).

Representative's printed name

Representative's telephone number

Representative's fax number

Representative's address

Representative's email address

INSTRUCTIONS

The NOA must be received by the Court, or properly addressed and postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, not later than 120 days after the date on which the BVA mailed notice of the decision being appealed. The Court may accept an NOA filed after that date as timely in limited circumstances. See Court Rules of Practice and Procedure 4 and 25.

You may file an NOA by either (1) emailing it to self-rep@uscourts.cavc.gov for self-represented parties, or esubmission@uscourts.cavc.gov for represented parties, OR (2) faxing it to (202) 501-5848, OR (3) mailing it to: Clerk, US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20004-2950.

There is a \$50 filing fee for an appeal. Send a check or money order, payable to "US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims." DO NOT SEND CASH. To request a waiver of the filing fee, email, fax, or mail the Court a completed Form 4 (Declaration of Financial Hardship).

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

Docket No. (if assigned) _____

_____, Appellant/Petitioner,

v.

_____, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Appellee/Respondent.

I am the appellant/petitioner. I declare by my signature below that payment of the fifty dollar (\$50.00) filing fee referenced in Rule 3(f) and Rule 21(a) of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure would be a financial hardship for me.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature of Appellant/Petitioner*

Date

Telephone number

(*To be signed by Appellant/Petitioner, NOT Appellant's/Petitioner's representative. You may electronically sign by typing "/s/" and then your name in the signature block above: for example, /s/John Doe.)

INSTRUCTIONS

To file this Declaration, either

- (1) Email it to self-rep@uscourts.cavc.gov (if self-represented) or esubmission@uscourts.cavc.gov (if represented), OR
- (2) Fax it to (202) 501-5848, OR
- (3) Send it to:

Clerk, US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 900
Washington, DC 20004-2950



THE VETERANS CONSORTIUM PRO BONO PROGRAM AGREEMENT TO ENGAGE AN ATTORNEY

FORM A

NATURE OF PROGRAM: I, _____, understand that The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program (TVC) is an organization, formed under the provisions of Public Law No. 102-229, providing free legal services.

SCOPE OF LEGAL SERVICES: I hereby engage Attorney Judy J. Donegan, Esq. (TVC Attorney), to represent me before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Docket No. _____. This Agreement becomes effective after countersigned by my TVC Attorney. I understand that, at any time, my TVC Attorney may reassign responsibility for prosecuting this appeal under the terms of this Agreement. Reassignment can be to any attorney or non-attorney practitioner admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The appeal may also be assigned to an attorney or non-attorney practitioner permitted to practice pursuant to Court Rule 46(b)(1)(F).

CONFIDENTIALITY: All communications, oral or written, transmitted via voice, data transmission, or otherwise, between my TVC Attorney and me, TVC administrative and legal staff, co-counsel, or assigned attorney shall be strictly confidential and construed as privileged attorney/client communication.

FEES AND EXPENSES: I understand that no fees or expenses will be charged to me, or anyone on my behalf, for the representation provided to me because of this Agreement. However, I agree that an application for attorney's fees and litigation expenses, for my appeal, may be made under the provisions of the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA). Further, if the Court grants that application, I understand the assigned attorney may retain the full amount of such award. I understand that I will be consulted about any such application under EAJA, and I agree to provide any assistance required of me in connection with that application. I further agree that any check issued by the United States, for any fee or expense paid in this case pursuant to EAJA, may be endorsed and negotiated by the assigned attorney or his/her successor as my attorney in fact for that specific purpose. I understand that any such award will be paid by the Department of Veterans Affairs separate and apart from any recovery to which I may be entitled.

I certify that my net worth at the time of the filing of the appeal in this case was less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00)

DISCHARGE AND WITHDRAWAL: I acknowledge that any attorney's ability to represent my best interest in the matter effectively is dependent upon my continued cooperation and adherence to the terms of this Agreement. Accordingly, if I refuse to abide by the terms of this Agreement, or engage in a course of conduct that makes it unreasonably difficult for any attorney working on my behalf to continue the representation, then that attorney reserves the right to withdraw from this representation. My TVC Attorney likewise reserves the right to withdraw from this representation for other good cause, or if such withdrawal can be accomplished without material adverse effect on my interests. In particular, if following a case evaluation my TVC Attorney determines I do not qualify for a free representative under the program I will be notified that said attorney will be withdrawing from the appeal and this Agreement will become null and void. Furthermore, upon termination, whether by Attorney, through withdrawal, or myself by discharge, or otherwise, I can request a copy of my file on CD-ROM disc in Adobe format, be mailed by TVC.

I understand that my TVC Attorney will use professional judgment to pursue only those grounds for appeal that said attorney determines to be meritorious or deserving of valid judicial consideration.

My TVC Attorney reserves the right to decline to pursue issues on appeal that would be inconsistent with professional and ethical obligations. I further understand that I may discharge my attorney(s) under this program at any time and continue the case on my own.



Filing Fee Status

FORM B

★ Please indicate whether you will waive **OR** submit the \$50 filing fee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (Court) by checking the appropriate box. **Doing one of these actions at the Court is required. See back for more information.**

☐ I have signed and submitted a Declaration of Financial Hardship (DFH) Form waiving the fee. I understand that doing this means I do not have to pay the Court's filing fee.

OR

☐ I will send the \$50 filing fee to the Court at the address on the back. (make check payable to **U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims**)

If you are paying the filing fee, the following information is needed to make sure you qualify under our Program's guidelines:

Are you currently employed? Do NOT include any disability, welfare, social security, or other federal, state, or local benefits you receive.

☐ YES Employer: _____

Monthly employment income: _____

Number of people in your household: _____

☐ NO Last year of employment: _____

In order to meet our Program's financial requirements, your *employment* income cannot be more than twice the current poverty level (as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services).

★ I state that the above is true and correct.

Signature	Date	Print Name
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Fax: (202) 628-8169
Email: Intake@vetsprobono.org



FORM C

General Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Mail _____ Email

Alternate Contact (Name/Phone): _____
(This may be used in the event we are unable to reach you after a period of time – Relative, Friend, Neighbor, Service Officer, etc.)

Note: The following information is optional and will not be used to determine eligibility for our services. You will not be denied our services on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, creed, national origin, age, religion, political affiliation or belief, or disability. It is only being requested, collected and compiled in response to requirements for our federal grant.

1. Please select your gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

2. Date of birth: _____

3. Please select your race/ethnicity:

<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian (white; non-Hispanic origin)	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American
<input type="checkbox"/> African-American (non-Hispanic origin)	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Other/Mixed race

4. How did you hear about us?

<input type="checkbox"/> Our mailing packet	<input type="checkbox"/> Our Website (www.vetsprobono.org)
<input type="checkbox"/> A State Veterans Service Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> A County Veterans Service Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> A Veterans Service Organization (American Legion, DAV, VFW, etc.): _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media (Facebook, etc.) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> The back page of your Board of Veterans Appeals Decision	
<input type="checkbox"/> The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	



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Do You Need Help with Your Appeal?

At the Veterans Consortium, we will review your case and provide you with a free attorney if you meet all of the following criteria:

- You are a veteran (or qualifying family member of a veteran);
- You have received a denial from the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA);
- You do not have an attorney to help you; and,
- We find at least one meritorious issue we can argue before the Court.

There are two ways you can apply:

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE](#)

OR

Download, print, complete and mail your application forms. Please also send us a copy of your Board of Veterans Appeals decision!

Court Forms (if not already filled out/appealed to the Court)

How Client Services Can Support You as a Service Officer

- Provide forms for your clients to appeal their Board decision
- Walk you and/or your client through the Court's appeal process
- Available by email/mail/fax for help and understanding as the Court case progresses
- Even if we review the case and determine we cannot place it with an attorney through our Program, the client will get information about why, options and information on next steps, as well as have access to our Helpline should they continue pro se at the Court



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***Thank you for all that you do to support
veterans and their families!***





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Equal Justice Works Fellow

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What is Veterans Benefits Advocacy?



Assisting veterans with securing benefits after the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) has remanded the claim.

Who Represents the Client?

- To best assist clients after a CAVC remand, the first query is who represented the client prior to appealing to the Court?
- When TVC places a case, the agreement signed by the volunteer and Appellant only applies to the appeal at the Court.
 - This document has *no impact* on 21-22 or 21-22a. VA will assume the same representative is still working on the case.
 - Logical because there could be matters still pending at VA while Court appeal is ongoing.



Who is the Volunteer?

- It depends!
 - Some volunteers regularly practice in the field of veterans law.
 - Others practice a different specialty but have taken on enough CAVC cases that they are becoming experts.
 - The remaining volunteers are considered beginners. We place cases by level of difficulty.
- All of our volunteers have taken TVC's training and are assigned a mentor that is a veterans law expert.
- They may or may not be accredited. There is *no requirement* that an attorney representing a veteran at the CAVC be accredited, so many of our volunteers are not.



Maximizing Volunteer Support

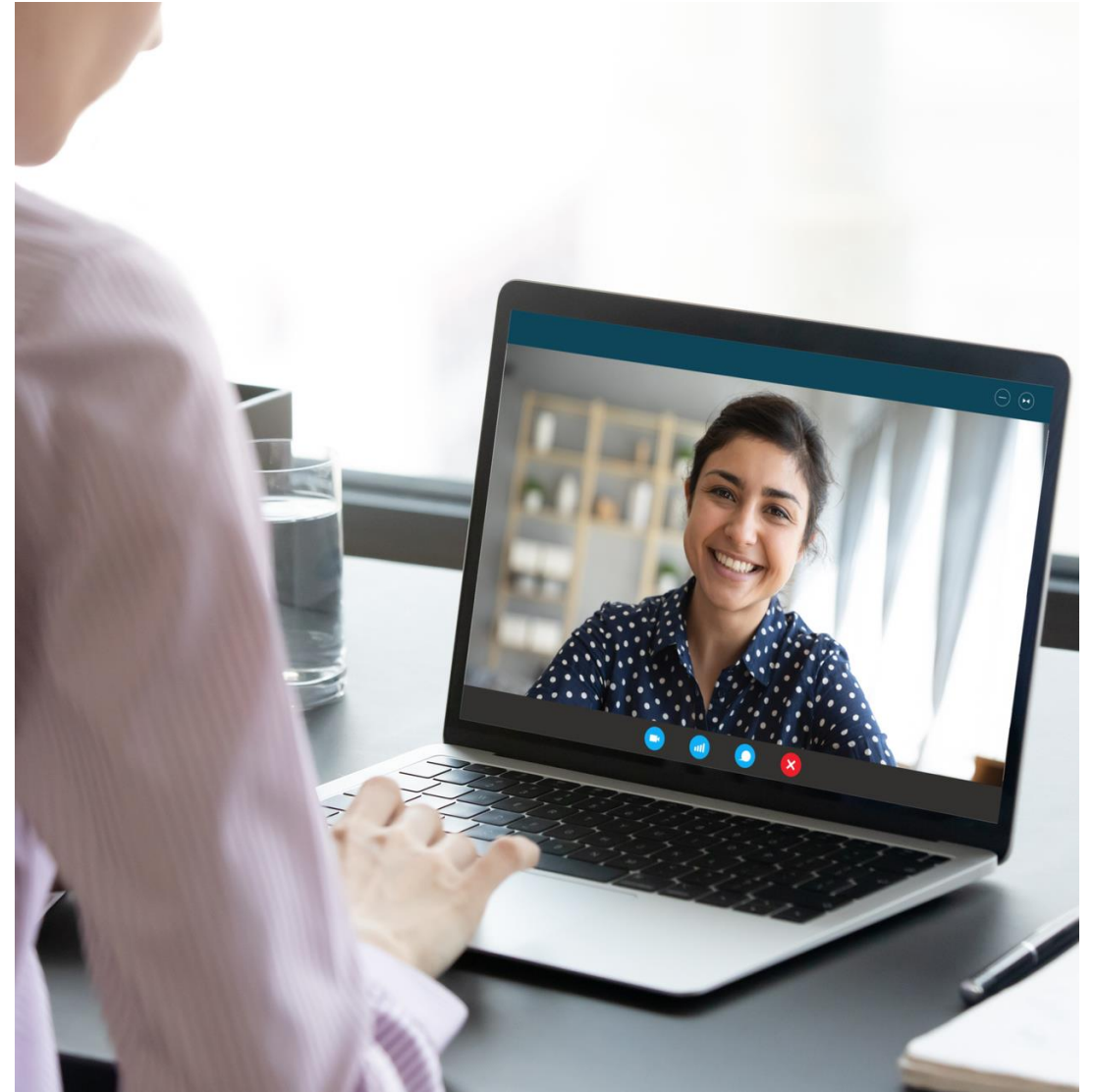
- We encourage our volunteers to do what they can to set the client up for success post-remand.
 - Explain the process of the case returning from the CAVC to VA.
 - Ensure representation exists and offer assistance with locating new representation when needed.
 - Offer to speak with client's representative, to include sending the Summary of Issues (a memo that is prepared while the case is at the CAVC which typically contains arguments as to why the Board's prior decision was in error).
 - Highlight evidence that client can submit on remand.
 - Draft a statement in support of claim or argument for veteran to submit.
 - Offer direct representation at VA, to sometimes include applying for medical review funding.



What Can You Do?

If you are the VSO for a client who appeals to the Court, try to keep in touch. Chances are, the case is going to return to the Board.

- Many clients report being unsure about whether the same VSO will be assisting them.





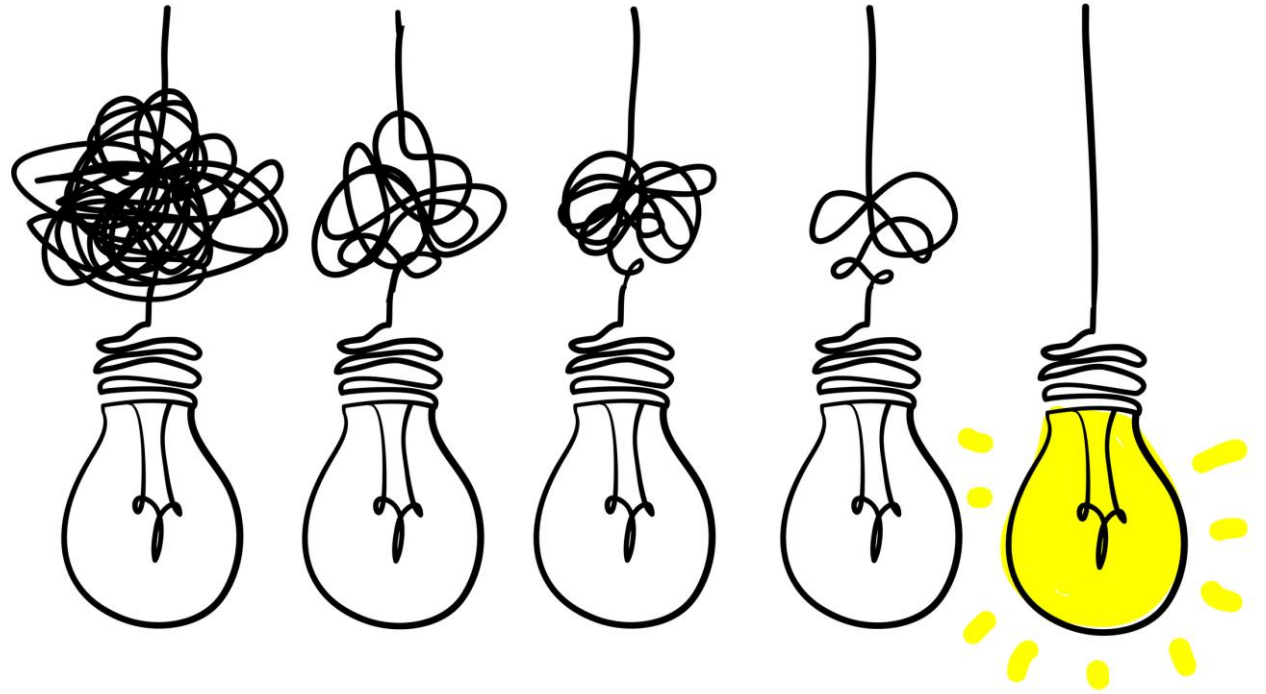
What Can You Do?

If your client was represented at the Court, contact the attorney.

- At the very least, you can ask the attorney for the Summary of Issues. This is important because most cases do not result in a publicly available legal brief.

What Can You Do?

- Understand the limitations of the Court.
 - The Court has limited power to review and overturn VA decisions. The result is that even if the Court sides with the veteran, the solution will be that the case returns to VA for re-adjudication. This means for most veterans, the best outcome is a “do-over.”



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Discharge Upgrade Program



The Discharge Upgrade Program provides national pro bono legal representation to individuals who received less than honorable discharges for conduct related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma, or other mitigating factors.

Less Than Honorable Discharges



Importance of an Upgrade

- Eligibility for VA Benefits
 - Medical care
 - Mental health care
 - Disability compensation
 - Housing assistance
 - Employment assistance
 - Survivor and dependent benefits
- Reduces the risk of homelessness & suicide
- Recognition as a veteran
- Veteran employment preferences
- Restore honor



How Do We Help Veterans?

- Discuss case
- Provide information and resources
- In-person and virtual clinics
- Train pro bono attorneys, law schools clinics, advocates, and VSOs





How Can You Help?

- Referrals
- Gathering records
- Assisting with upgrade applications

DRB vs. BCMR

Discharge Review Boards

- DD-293
- 15 Years Post-Discharge
- 5 officers
- Improper
- Inequitable
- Hearings Granted
- Reconsideration
- Limited Authority

Boards for Correction of Records

- DD-149
- 3 Years After Discovery, Waiver
- 3 Civilians
- Error
- Injustice
- Hearings Not Usually Granted
- Reconsideration
- Broad Authority



Discharge Upgraded



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What is Military Sexual Trauma?

- MST refers to any sexual harassment, sexual assault, or rape that occurs in a military setting.
- This can include being pressured or coerced into sexual activities, someone having sexual contact without consent, being physically forced to have sex, being touched in a sexual way that made them feel uncomfortable, repeated comments about the body or sexual activities, threatening or unwanted sexual advances, domestic battery, and stalking.



A Well-Prepared Claim

- Veteran must have a current health condition (mental or physical) related to the MST experience
- A nexus letter connecting the current diagnosis to the MST that occurred during the active-duty military service
- Evidence supporting the claim
 - There must be credible evidence to support the veteran's assertion that the stressful event occurred
 - Evidence from sources other than the veteran's service records can be used to corroborate the veteran's own account of the incident



Sources of Evidence

- DOD sexual assault or harassment reporting forms
- Investigation reports
- Civilian police reports
- Journals or personal diaries
- A rape crisis center or center for domestic abuse
- A counseling facility or health clinic
- Statements from family members, roommates, fellow service members



Markers

- Increased use or abuse of leave without an apparent reason
- Episodes of depression, panic attacks or anxiety without identifiable reasons
- Visits to a medical or counseling clinic or dispensary without a specific diagnosis or specific ailment
- Use of pregnancy tests or STD tests
- Transfer requests
- Alcohol or drug abuse
- Unexplained economic or social behavior changes
- Relationship issues
- Treatment for physical injuries around the time of the claims trauma, but not reported as a result of the trauma





Personal Statement

- Tell the Veteran's story through a personal statement that provides context for markers
 - Begin with the basics -
 - Date joined, date discharge, duty stations, deployments, job specifications
 - Then the stressful events -
 - Explain the event/events in chronological order with as much detail as possible
 - Explain how the events made the veteran feel

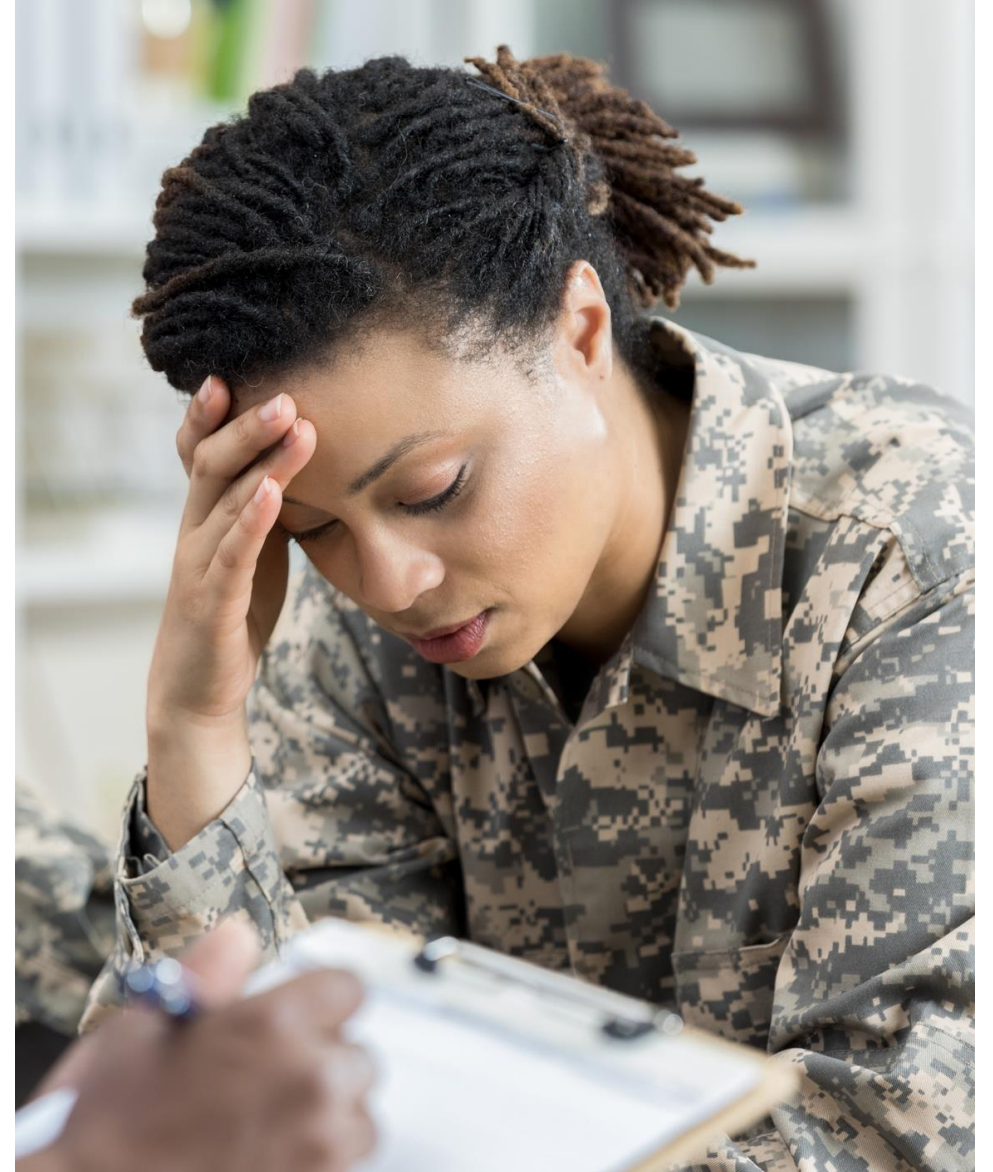
Personal Statement

- Explain how the events impacted military service
- Explain how the event impacted personal life
- Describe current symptoms and explain how they affect the veteran



Become Trauma Informed

- Build Trust with Your Client
- Normalize the Process
- Establish a comfortable climate
- Interview with a Trauma-Informed Approach
- End the interview on a positive note



Free Legal Advice and Referral Clinics

ADVICE AND REFERRAL **VIRTUAL** PRO BONO LEGAL CLINIC

HELD 2X A MONTH ON
FRIDAYS 10 AM - 2 PM
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!

***A WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED TO
SPEAK WITH AN ATTORNEY***

**PLEASE CALL (202) 733-3317
TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**



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2ND & 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH
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VETERANS NATURALIZATION
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Background

- Non-citizens have served in every conflict in US history
- Approximately 5,000 non-citizens enlist in the military each year
- Immigrant veterans come from diverse group of countries with top three birth countries being:
 - Mexico (83,000)
 - Philippines (68,000)
 - Canada (31,000)
- As of 2018 approximately 94,000 immigrant veterans do not have U.S. citizenship

The Need

- In the last 9 months of 2020, active service member requests to start naturalization applications were down to only 10 applications.
- Veterans are denied citizenship at a rate 5% higher than their civilian counterparts.



What Are Our Goals?

1

Help Non-Citizen
Veterans
Naturalize

2

Discover why
many active
service members
are not applying

3

Discover why
veterans are
denied at higher
rate than civilians

Are you a Military Veteran interested in becoming a U.S. Citizen?

Meet with an attorney for free and find out
if you qualify for the Veterans
Naturalization Assistance Program

**Attorneys will meet with Veterans on May 7
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

For your appointment, you will need:

- An Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions Discharge
- A copy of your DD-214

**It's free to apply for your naturalization
as a U.S. Military veteran.**

**Call (202) 733-3337 to make
an appointment.**



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If you or a veteran you know may qualify, please contact Nicqelle Godfrey at
(202) 733-3337 or vnap@vetsprobono.org

How You Can Help

Get the word out!

- Ensure veterans know their rights
- Show veterans where to turn for help
- Share our flyers and contact information



Contact Info

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Questions?





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