Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)
VETERAN BENEFITS
“To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan”

Abraham Lincoln
Overview

• Federal Role
• Newark RO
• VA Compensation Benefits
  – Disability/Service Connection
  – Pension/Non-Service Connected Pension/DIC
• Resources
  – Veterans Service Organizations
• Questions
Federal

• 26 Million Vets and 48 Million Family Members may be eligible for VA Benefits
• Less than 5% receive any Benefits, that equals 3,700,000 people
• 5 Million Determinations per Year
• VA has a dual role: to help veterans and to be guardians of taxpayers money
Newark Regional Office

21 Counties in NJ
Newark RO’s jurisdiction 14 counties
Northern & Central Jersey

Newark Regional Office is located at:
20 Washington Place
Newark, NJ
Disability Compensation

- Must have an other than dishonorable discharge
- Disability arose while on active duty
- It is presumed to be service connected
- A pre-existing condition made worse
- Claim only needs to be proven “as more likely than not” service connected (51%)
Pension

- 3 types of pensions available
- Non-Service connected pension for the Veteran
- Disability and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- Survivors Pension
Non-Service Connected Pension

• Available for Veterans with no service connected disability
• Must be 65 years old and served 1 day during a period of war
• Income Threshold
• Aid and Attendance and Housebound is available
• Spouse’s income is counted also
DIC

- Available to surviving spouse of Veteran: who dies of a service connect disability
- Who was rated 100% Permanent & Total (P&T) for over 10 years
- Must have been married for 1 year prior to veterans death
Resources

Veterans Service Organizations

ACCREDITED!

American Legion
Disabled American Veterans
National Association of County Veterans Service Officers
NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Vietnam Veterans of America
Veterans of Foreign War

Accreditation = ACCESS to VA Systems!!
OUTREACH

“VA COMPENSATION TELEPHONIC CLAIMS CLINIC”

Hosted by
Department of Veterans Affairs/Newark RO

Due to the COVID-19 Health Crisis, ALL Face-to-Face VA Claims Clinics are suspended until further notice
However, we will be conducting

“Telephonic Claims Clinics”
until normal operations resume

Dates: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
Time: 9AM – 3PM - APPOINTMENT ONLY

To make an appointment contact Jennifer Myers at 973-297-3384 or via email at jennifer.myers6@va.gov

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“Brick City”
The Advantage