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Human Services Department
COUNTY OF SONOMA

Services We May Be Able To Assist You With

1. **COMPENSATION** (service-connected disability) for psychological or physical issues which occurred in service or were caused by/aggravated by military service. Examples: Hearing loss/Tinnitus; Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) caused by combat, trauma, or assault; disabilities such as diabetes, prostate and respiratory cancers caused by exposure to Agent Orange; disabilities resulting from exposure to asbestos, radiation and severe cold. For Persian Gulf War service this includes undiagnosed illnesses. This is just a small list of disabilities; for more information or assistance with filing a claim please contact us.
2. **PENSION** (non-service-connected) based on financial need for people who served in the military at least one day during a wartime period (no combat required). The surviving spouse of deceased veteran w/ wartime service may be eligible for death pension based on financial need. Income and net worth limits apply to pension (Value of primary residence and personal possessions are not counted). Seminars for living Veterans are held every 1st Wednesday from 2-4pm. Seminars for surviving spouses are held every 3rd Wednesday from 2-4pm.
3. **DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS** of a disabled or deceased veteran may be eligible for benefits.
4. **EDUCATION** for veterans who qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill or VEAP. Dependents may qualify for education benefits in some cases. In addition, the California Department of Veterans Affairs has a college fee waiver program for dependents only, which is detailed on the other side of this information sheet.
5. **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION** benefits may be available for Veterans who are in receipt of VA compensation, if the disability affects the Veteran's ability to do certain jobs.
6. **GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE** may be offered to service-connected disabled veterans. We also help with Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance.
7. **BURIAL AND DEATH BENEFITS** include burial flag, government marker and military funeral honors. Veterans who are in receipt of VA compensation or VA pension at time of death may be eligible for payment of burial and plot allowance.
8. **MEDICAL TREATMENT** VA can provide medical care; eye glasses/contact lenses and hearing aids for eligible Veterans. In limited situations, dental care is also available. (VA Clinics and Medical Center listed on the other side.)
9. **IDENTIFICATION** Our office can issue DMV Form VSD-001 for Veteran Status on your CA Driver's License or ID Card. A Sonoma County Veteran Picture ID is also available. Please bring your ORIGINAL or CERTIFIED DD-214, it is required.
10. **MILITARY DOCUMENTS & DISCHARGES (DD-214)** The *fastest* way is to go to vetrecs.archives.gov, and follow prompts. The *easiest* way is to come into our office & request form SF-180 and we will submit it via fax. You can also download form SF-180 from the internet and mail or fax it to the appropriate number found in the instructions. In either case, please expect 4-12 weeks for DD-214s and up to one year for Medical Records to be mailed to you. Follow up with NPRC @ 314-801-0927