



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**  
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TO SCHEDULE.**

**MOST IMPORTANT:  
COMPLETE SET OF MEDICAL RECORDS**

## **VA COMPENSATION CLAIM APPOINTMENTS**

- No cost/no membership ever required. We are veterans helping veterans
- We are trained/accredited veteran representatives
- Submit your claim as early as 180 days from discharge (Dishonorable excluded)

VFW is a non-profit veterans advocacy organization, Congressionally Chartered.

### **What to bring to the appointment:**

- Complete Medical Records, entry to present (CD or paper copies).**
  - Paper copies (reverse chronological preferred). Please no staples, grouping, tabbing.
  - CDs, non-password protected preferred or bring password
- Any Prior Service DD 214s (Member 4 copy)**
- Banking information (Required for direct deposit)**
- Separation Physical. If pre-discharge and within 180-90 days prior to discharge you may submit a DD 2807-1 completed to block 29 for a VA separation exam.**

### **If you are married and/or if you have children under 18:**

- VA Form 21-686c Declaration of Dependents (please complete all sections)**
- Marriage/divorce documents (Self and Spouse's...copies only)**
- Birth Certificates ( Spouse and dependent children...copies only)**
- Social Security cards (Spouse and dependent children...copies only)**
- VA Form 21-674 (for children 18-23 in school full-time) (Complete Parts I & III)**

At the appointment we will go through your medical record, identify ratable disabilities, prepare the claim form and if you have all the necessary documents, you should have a claim ready for VA processing.

**Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD)** – 180 to 60 days prior to separation/discharge.

**Quick Start** - 59-1 days prior to separation/discharge.

**Fully Developed Claims (FDC)** - For those who have separated within a year. For those beyond a year after separation, please contact our Washington DC office.

### **APPOINTMENT LOCATION AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

**NAVAL STATION NORFOLK**

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