



VA Disability is Fair & Easy



IF VA is FAIR Why Do So Many Veterans Have Their Claims Denied or Assigned an Incorrectly Wrongly Low Percentage of Disability?

- ★ VA Disability requires a physician's Legal Medicine causation report, called a Nexus report.
- ★ Unfortunately, Legal Medicine and VA Law are not taught in medical schools.

Examples of VA Doctors Denying Veteran's Obvious VA Claim:

- ⊕ Hearing Loss not aggravated by three years in Artillery. **DUH!**
- ⊕ Frostbitten Loss of Toes. VA doctor wrote he did not know if it was cold in Korea. **DUH!**
- ⊕ Torn Thigh Muscle. VA doctor did not examine the leg! **Shame on the VA doctor!**
- ⊕ Vet dying of cancer. I drove 200 miles to provide an exam and Nexus medical report.

EASY? If You have Your Doctor's Nexus Report!

It Also Easy to Overcome VA Denials Due to No Active Duty Medical Records!

Vets were reluctant to go to sick call. It is simple to overcome VA denials due to no in service medical records. Tell **your chosen doctor** your medical history while in the service. **Your** doctor's Nexus medical opinion then becomes **your medical record**.

You are not alone. States have veteran service departments. Many organizations have free Veteran Service Officers (VSO) to help you file your VA claims. VSOs found on <http://www.va.gov/vso/> Attorneys found in the National Organization of Veterans' Advocates (NOVA) <http://vetadvocates.org>

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VA Nexus Causation Reports & DBQs

VA Law **REQUIRES** a Physician's Nexus Causation Opinion!

- ★ A NEXUS medical opinion is a physician's medical opinion report wherein the physician provides their medical rationale explaining why and how a claimed injury or condition is service connected. The physician should tell the story in a manner that is easily understood by non medically trained VA Rating Officers.
- ★ If vets do not start with a NEXUS medical opinion then a VA physician, Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant may or may not provide an adequate NEXUS opinion.
- ★ **It is best if Vets obtain their NEXUS medical opinions from a physician they choose!**
- ★ FYI: A federal employee senior VA rating trainer told Dr. Ellis that some VA examiners and many VA medical providers do not have training or knowledge in VA disability law. Therefore, he recommends that vets start their VA claim with their physician's NEXUS medical opinion. For his own NEXUS report he came from Ohio to see a doctor in Oklahoma
- ★ If you have already filed a VA claim, It is OK - No Problem. You simply get a new NEXUS medical opinion from your physician to determine if you received the correct percentage of disability or get your conditions service connected.

**VA Law Does Not Require a Veteran to Provide a DBQ.
However, It Has Become a VA Common Practice to Require a DBQ.
Probably it Is Best to Provide the VA with a DBQ by Your Doctor.**

- A DBQ (Document-Based Question) is a form.
- Because DBQs have inadequate small space for physicians to provide their medical rationale of how and why an injury, disease or medical condition is service connected it is imperative that you also provide a Medical Nexus Causation report.

Bless our Vets!

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