

# Getting Fair VA Disability Decisions

## Physicians lack of Legal Medicine training results in Veteran's Disability Claims being denied and/or assigned the wrong percentage of disability.

Example: VA denies a Korean War veteran's three obvious claims:

1. *Hearing Loss from Being in the Artillery for Three Years.*
  - VA doctor wrote the noise induced hearing loss was not aggravated by artillery.
2. *Frostbitten Feet*
  - VA doctor wrote he did not know if it was cold in Korea.
  - VA regulations require that Korean War vets be examined for cold injuries!
  - VA doctor wrote his feet hurt from diabetes that began in 2004. How did the vet know to file about his feet so many years before he developed diabetes?
3. *Torn Thigh Muscle.* The VA doctor did not even examine the leg!  
The vet was dying from cancer so I drove 200 miles to examine him in his home for free.

## Overcoming VA Denials Due to Lack of In Service Medical Records

Vets understand that they were not encouraged to go to sick call. They tried to ignore their injuries and treated themselves with over the counter medicines. You overcome the VA denial by telling your doctor your medical history while in the service. Your doctor's expert medical opinion sets forth that your injury or medical conditions started while in the service and that it is their medical opinion that your injuries or conditions are service connected.

Ellis Clinic loves helping our vets. To obtain an appointment for a VA Disability Expert Medical Opinion Report: Call (405) 917-5336 or go to [www.EllisClinic.com](http://www.EllisClinic.com) and click [VA Disability]. God Bless, Doc Ellis

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You are not alone. Many states and veteran service organizations have free services to help you file your VA claims. For the Directory of Veterans Service Organizations go to <http://www.va.gov/vso/>  
The National Organization of Veterans' Advocates (NOVA) are advocates and attorneys. There is usually a fee if they are successful in getting your claim accepted or increased. Go to <http://vetadvocates.org>

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