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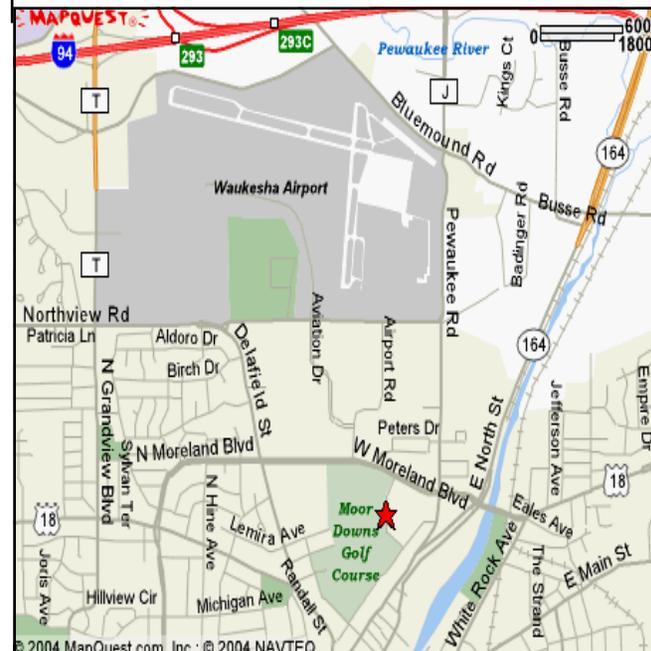
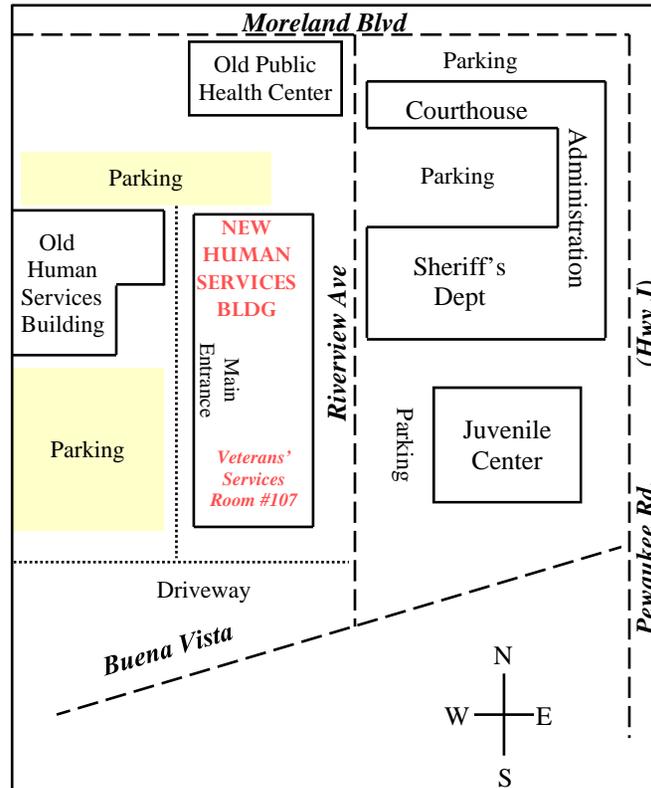
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COMPENSATION CLAIMS



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Important Information Regarding Your Claim For Service Connected Disability Compensation

To support your claim for service connected disability compensation benefits, the evidence must show three things:

- ◆ You had an injury in military service or a disease that began in or was made worse during military service.
- ◆ You have a current physical or mental disability. (*Medical evidence will show this.*)
- ◆ That there is a relationship between your current disability and military service as supported by medical evidence.

Medical Statement by Doctor

A medical statement made by your private doctor must state the following:

- ◆ That the doctor reviewed pertinent military records. (When available)
- ◆ What the current diagnosis is.
- ◆ A statement that links the review of the military records with a current diagnosis to include the following statement ***“It is at least as likely as not”*** that your current disability was caused by your service in the military.

Development Letter

Once a claim is submitted to the Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO) you will receive a “Development Letter”. ***This is essentially a form letter, please keep that in mind when reading it.***

If the letter requests that you mail VARO information, records or documents you know were already submitted through our office, no further action is required by you. If however, the letter sparks an interest in providing additional information that you believe would help your claim, then forward it to our office. We will then send it to your Power of Attorney (POA) and they will forward it on to VARO.

You will get a “***VCAA Notice Response***” form with your development letter.

- ◆ If you have more evidence to submit do NOT send this form in.
- ◆ If you do not have more evidence to submit, check the box, ***“I have no other Info...”*** sign and date the form and return it to the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO).
- ◆ There will also be a VA Form 21-4138 in the packet. This form is used ONLY if you want to communicate something to the VA that you have not informed them of already.

Please Note:

**To process your claim it can take six months or longer.
Please be patient.**

Questions Regarding Paperwork You Receive from VARO

By signing two forms, VA Form 21-22, and the CVSO Release of Information, our office will get a copy of everything the Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO) sends to you.

Note: It can take our office up to three weeks to receive our copy.

All paperwork should be submitted through your CVSO. **Do NOT send any documents or evidence directly to the VARO.** If you do, you leave the advocates working on your behalf out of the loop.

If you receive correspondence from VARO and you are not sure what to do, call our office.

When you finally receive your award letter, read it over carefully. If there is something you do not understand or would like clarified, we can go over this with you. Also, if you are not satisfied with your rating, contact our office prior to filing an appeal so we may advise you of the options available to you.

Medical Exam at VARO

If you receive a letter from VARO that you have a Compensation Exam and it has a specific date/time and place you **MUST** appear.

DO NOT MISS THIS APPOINTMENT !
It is an essential element of your claim.