

Powerful VA Disability Misconceptions

Misconception #1: VA Disability Compensation Is Based on Income

VA disability compensation is not based on your income. It's for any veteran who developed a disability primarily due to their military service. As a veteran, if your disability is linked to your military service, then you're likely eligible for VA disability compensation.

Misconception #2: VA Benefits Are Reserved for Veterans Who Went to War

VA benefits are for any veteran who developed a disability primarily due to their military service. It's not restricted just for veterans who went to war, or engaged in military exercises overseas.

Misconception #3: VA Benefits Are the Same as VA Health Care

VA benefits are not limited to VA health care. VA benefits include many methods to help veterans with a service-connected disability. VA health care encompasses one of those benefits — providing health coverage for veterans in need of treatment.

Misconception #4: Your Age Affects Your Eligibility for VA Benefits

Your age does not affect your eligibility for VA benefits or compensation. Neither does your employment status. If you're age 75, retired and drawing from Social Security, you can still file a VA disability claim for disability compensation. If you're age 45 and unable to work full time due to your disability, you can also file for disability compensation.

Misconception #5: Receiving VA Benefits Means You Can't Take Legal Action

If you file a VA claim and get approval for VA compensation benefits, you still have legal rights. Your disability is not your fault — it's the fault of the military and/or the contractors who produced and sold products and services to the military.

For example, contracted companies knew asbestos was deadly, and they put you and many of your fellow brave Americans at risk. They should be legally disciplined for their actions.

You can seek VA disability compensation through a lawsuit or a trust fund. That doesn't change just because you receive monthly benefits from the VA. You're entitled to your VA assistance and also deserving of retribution from the companies that endangered you at your military workplace.