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## CONFIDENTIAL CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE for VA COMPENSATION BENEFITS

This questionnaire is intended to elicit the basic information we need to help you with your claim for service-connected compensation benefits for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). **All information will be held in the strictest confidence.**

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name, address and phone number of someone we can contact if we cannot find you:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. C-File # and Regional Office location: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Service #: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Entrance: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name, address and birth date of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date and place of marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Names, addresses and birth dates of children (including natural and stepchildren): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(For a Service-Connection claim only: Please provide copies of birth certificates for all your dependent children, and a copy of your marriage certificate)



Names, addresses and birth dates of dependent parents: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Sources of income:

Employment: Full-Time\_\_\_\_ Part-Time\_\_\_\_

Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date began: \_\_\_\_\_  
For what disability: \_\_\_\_\_

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date began: \_\_\_\_\_  
For what disability: \_\_\_\_\_

Pensions:

Government: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date began: \_\_\_\_\_  
Private: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date began: \_\_\_\_\_

Disability Insurance:

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date began: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Orange

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date began: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Assistance:

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date began: \_\_\_\_\_

Worker's Compensation:

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date began: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other source of income (e.g., child support, spouse's income): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Have you ever been declared incompetent?

a. Criminal proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

b. By VA: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Civilly - guardian/conservator appointed? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when: \_\_\_\_\_

Still in effect: Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Name, address and phone no. of guardian/conservator: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? When, where, period of incarceration: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of release from incarceration: \_\_\_\_\_



**SERVICE-CONNECTION DATA FORM  
(Fill Out Completely)**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. BRANCH OF MILITARY SERVICE

DATES OF SERVICE

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please give your military occupational specialty (MOS).

4. Was any portion of your service involved in combat with the enemy? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, please describe the nature of your involvement and how it related to your military occupational specialty.

5. Please give the dates or general time periods in which the circumstances described in answer #4 occurred (Please be as specific as possible)

6. Do you currently know the whereabouts of any individual who served with you who would be able to verify or corroborate your involvement in combat? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, please provide name and address.

7. Do you have any of the following medals or awards? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If so, indicate which ones. If so, please list those medals.

Air Force Cross

Air Force Medal with "V" Device

Army Commendation Medal with 'V' Device

Bronze Star Medal with 'V' Device

Combat Action Ribbon

Combat Infantryman Badge

Distinguished Flying Cross

Combat Medical Badge

Distinguished Service Cross

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Medal of Honor

Navy Commendation Medal

Navy Cross

Silver Star

Purple Heart

8. Please state the character of your discharge from each period of service you received a DD214 and the dates for each period of service, beginning and ending.



9. Were you discharged from the service due to medical reasons? If so, do you have copies of those records?

10. Has your discharge ever been upgraded? If yes, when, and from what to what?

11. Describe the nature of your current disability or disabilities.

12. Please describe the circumstances during service upon which you believe your current disability is based.

13. If you experienced only symptoms during service and received no diagnosis of your current disability, please describe those symptoms.

14. If you were treated for any of the symptoms of your current disability during service, please provide the date and source of that treatment.

15. If you were not treated for these symptoms, did you at the time tell any person that you were experiencing these symptoms? If you did, please identify the person(s), the symptoms observed and the time frame.

16. Do you recall any person either commenting on or observing and discussing these symptoms with you? If you do, please identify the person(s), the symptoms observed and the approximate time frame.

17. Did you receive a diagnosis of any disability, disease or condition during service?

18. Please provide the dates of any treatment you received for the claimed disability, disease or condition during service.

19. Please list the locations of treatment you received in service, including facility name, city, state and/or country.

20. Do you have in your possession copies of any of your service medical records? If so, please provide copies to this office.

21. What was the nature of treatment you received in service? Inpatient, Outpatient, Sick Call or other? If other, please be specific.



22. Do you suffer from any other conditions or disabilities which a medical person has indicated are proximately due to or the result of your claimed service connected condition or an existing service connected condition? (Please identify these conditions and the medical source.)

23. Did you receive any private medical treatment during service?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Nature of treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

24. Describe any **symptoms** you had associated with the claimed disability within one year of service; please provide dates.

25. Please list the names and addresses of persons who would be able to confirm or verify symptoms within one year of discharge (can be family physician, spouse, children, parents, other relatives, friends, employers, coworkers).

26. Were you treated for, diagnosed or otherwise told that you suffered from the in-service disease or condition? If so, please provide dates and sources of medical treatment.

27. Was the condition you suffered in-service noted at your entrance exam? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

28. Did you inform the military of any disease, disability or injury which you had experienced prior to service? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

29. Did your pre-service condition increase in severity during service? If so, describe how.

30. Please provide the treatment history for your disability/disabilities.

Please list all **Inpatient Treatment** you have received for your disability/disabilities since discharge from service:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Please list all **Outpatient Treatment** you have received for your disability/disabilities since discharge from service:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Briefly Describe Your Treatment (e.g., type of therapy): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**INCREASED DISABILITY RATING DATA FORM**  
(Fill Out Completely)

1. What are your service-connected conditions?

DISABILITY	RATING	DATE BEGAN
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

2. What is the date of your original service-connected claim? \_\_\_\_\_

3. For what condition(s) are you seeking an increased disability rating? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you been awarded Social Security benefits? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, date awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

If awarded Social Security benefits, was the disabling condition the same as your service-connected condition? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If no, for what conditions were you awarded Social Security benefits? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. **Inpatient Treatment** Received for Your Service-Connected Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Outpatient Treatment** Received for Your Service-Connected Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Disability: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Employment History:

Date Last Employed: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTAKE INFORMATION FOR EARLIER EFFECTIVE DATE (EED) CLAIMS FOR TOTAL RATINGS**

1. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



- 3, Vet contacted us by phone? \_\_\_\_\_ Vet contacted us by letter? \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Current service-connected rating(s) for all conditions:
  
- 5, When did you get your total disability rating:
  
- 6, Do you have a pending claim on EED? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, status:
  
7. Prior Claim History:
  1. Date of original claim:
  2. Recd RD?
  3. Date of NOD:
  4. Rec'd SOC?
  5. Date of VA9:
  6. BVA decision?
  
8. Receiving SSDI Benefits? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ For what disability are you receiving SSDI benefits?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
9. If receiving SSDI benefits and it is for the same condition as you are SC, did you put the VA on notice that you are in receipt of SSDI benefits? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
  
If not receiving SSDI benefits, when was the last time you worked full-time (40 hrs. wk/6 mos. or longer)?
  
10. When did you first receive VA treatment?  
  
Dates of Service:  
Branch:  
MOS:  
Foreign Service:  
Discharge:  
Decorations/Medals:



**UNEMPLOYABILITY DATA FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please describe the kind of work you have done since you left the service. Specifically:

- a. Was it skilled or unskilled work?
- b. Describe any and all vocational training or special training you have for any type of work.
- c. From the time you left service to now, how many jobs have you had?
- d. When and where was the last time you worked full-time (40 hrs. a week for 6 uninterrupted months)?

2. Check off the problems you **regularly** have experienced on the job:

- a. Difficulty in concentrating . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Difficulty in performing tasks . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Difficulty in completing tasks . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Difficulty in receiving, understanding or following instructions . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Difficulty with co-workers . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Difficulty with supervisors . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Explosive behavior . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Physical confrontation or violence on the job . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Intrusive thoughts while on the job . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Flashbacks on the job . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Hallucinations (auditory) on the job . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Hallucinations (visual) on the job . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- m. Memory difficulties . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- n. Homicidal feelings . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
- o. Suicidal feelings . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_



3. Has your disability caused you to lose time at work? If so, please describe the frequency of work missed:

a. One day a week: \_\_\_\_\_

b. One week a month: \_\_\_\_\_

c. One month out of three mos.: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Does your condition require you to be hospitalized regularly? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If yes, how often?

5. What is the most money you ever made in a single calendar year (approximately amount)

6. What is the longest time you have gone without a job?

7. What is the longest time you have held a job?

8. At your place of employment, were you ever provided any special considerations because of your disability? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ If yes, please describe (e.g., allowed breaks, etc.)

9. Please describe why you left your most recent job:

10. Is the description of why you left your job typical reasons for leaving your prior employments?

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY PAST TEN YEARS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nature of Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_



Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_



Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Rate of Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours Per Week: \_\_\_\_\_



Is any other information I should be aware of? Yes  No  If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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### REFERRAL

By whom were you referred to this office?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Referral is:

\_\_\_ Attorney

\_\_\_ Financial Planner

\_\_\_ Previous Client of the Law Office of Donald D. Vanarelli

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Have you visited our website at [www.dvanarelli.com](http://www.dvanarelli.com)? Yes  No

If yes, do you have any ideas for improving our website? If so, please discuss. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION

I understand that the recommendations and advice which you give, and any claim(s) and/or appeal(s) which you file, will be based on the accuracy and completeness of the disclosures made herein. **Thus, I certify that the information provided is true and correct in all respects to the best of my knowledge and belief.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client