



A project of the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) providing free legal representation in disability, discharge,

and veterans benefits cases to service members and veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) or Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

While combat operations continue in Iraq and Afghanistan, countless American troops and veterans are returning to a crisis at home: U.S. military personnel home from the war zone find themselves left to fight, often without legal representation, for the benefits they have so honorably earned while defending our nation. Lawyers Serving Warriors provides free legal representation, through a network of law firms and corporate law departments, for troops and veterans navigating government agencies in an effort to receive VA and military disability benefits, proper military discharges, and other benefits due them.

LAWYERS SERVING WARRIORS: WHAT WE DO

Through a network of volunteer attorneys, Lawyers Serving Warriors provides free legal services to U.S. military personnel and veterans who have served in OIF or OEF in the following situations:

- **Referred to the physical disability evaluation system.** The physical disability evaluation system determines a service member's entitlement to a disability severance or retirement and free lifetime military health care. Assistance of an attorney in the process can be critical in securing the proper determination and entitled benefits. Service members who have been referred to Medical Evaluation Boards (MEBs) or Physical Evaluation Boards (PEBs) can receive free legal representation through Lawyers Serving Warriors.
- **Facing an involuntary administrative separation.** The type of discharge and discharge characterization a service member receives has a dramatic impact on benefits. Some service members with disabilities, such as Post-Traumatic Stress



Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), have been inappropriately recommended for involuntary separation. Lawyers Serving Warriors will provide disabled service members who are wrongly being involuntarily separated with free legal representation.

- **Received an inappropriate discharge, discharge characterization, or disability rating.** An inappropriate discharge, a lower than appropriate disability rating from a PEB, or a less than Honorable discharge classification can result in a veteran receiving no benefits or fewer benefits than he or she deserves. Veterans with disabilities, such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), can receive free legal representation through Lawyers Serving Warriors to challenge an inappropriate discharge, PEB disability rating, or less than Honorable discharge.
- **Pursuing a claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for disability compensation.** Veterans who have claims for VA disability compensation can receive free legal representation from Lawyers Serving Warriors in appealing an inappropriate denial of benefits.
- **Claim under the Traumatic Injury Insurance Under the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (TSGLI).** TSGLI provides a onetime lump sum payment to qualified U.S. military personnel who have suffered a traumatic injury caused by a traumatic event. Lawyers Serving Warriors will provide free legal representation to qualified military personnel who have been denied all or part of the benefits they deserve under TSGLI.



LAWYERS SERVING WARRIORS: WHO WE ARE

Lawyers Serving Warriors has recruited hundreds of lawyers from law firms and corporate law departments throughout the country. In addition to their legal expertise, our attorneys have also been provided training on laws governing the military and veterans' disability benefits programs so they are prepared and qualified to handle such cases.

Lawyers Serving Warriors also provides each volunteer lawyer with a mentor experienced in military and veterans law, further ensuring that every service member and veteran receives top notch legal representation.

Lawyers Serving Warriors is a project of the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP), an independent, nonprofit veterans service organization dedicated to ensuring that the U.S. government honors its commitment to our active duty personnel and veterans by providing them the federal benefits they have earned through their service to our country. The project is operated in cooperation with the Pro Bono Institute, and veterans service organizations including The American Legion and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

LAWYERS SERVING WARRIORS: HOW TO GET HELP

To learn more about Lawyers Serving Warriors or request free legal representation go to www.LawyersServingWarriors.org. You can also email LawyersServing@nvlsp.org or call 202.265.8305 ext. 152.

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