Interested in learning more about your earned benefits?
Check out our videos that can help with your transition. They can be viewed by going to dav.org and clicking on DAV videos in the Learn More tab.
▶ Types of VA benefits
▶ Seven ways to service-connected disability
▶ Who should file a VA claim
▶ How to file a VA claim
▶ What to expect after filing a VA claim
▶ C&P Exams
▶ Determining VA disability ratings
▶ What to expect after receiving your VA claim decision

What employment services does DAV offer?
DAV connects transitioning active duty, Guard and Reserve members, veterans and their spouses with employers who recognize military service and sacrifices. DAV is committed to ensuring the men and women who stood up for America have the tools, resources and opportunities they need to competitively enter the job market and secure meaningful employment. DAV offers a number of valuable employment resources for transitioning service members, veterans and spouses at jobs.dav.org.

To see the full job fair schedule, visit davjobfairs.org

Need guidance making the transition from military service?
DAV offers claim filing assistance and transition support, at no cost to veterans.

When and who should you contact?
• Six months or less before discharge, reach out to your transition service office.
• Any time after discharge, no matter your location, you can reach out to a national service office by looking one up at benefitsquestions.org.

What should you bring?
• A copy of all service medical and treatment records.
• A copy of all nonmilitary private practice medical and treatment records.
• A copy of all dental records.
• If applicable, a copy of your marriage certificate and children's birth certificates or adoption decrees.
• Dependents’ Social Security numbers.
• Direct deposit information.
• A copy of any prior DD-214s.

Did you know?
Only 37% of veterans claimed they knew what benefits they are eligible for and how to access them.

Only 44% reported that they've received the benefits they were promised.

SOURCE: DAV VETERANS PULSE SURVEY, VIEW ONLINE AT VETERANSPULSE.ORG
Our mission
DAV is dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them, providing access to employment resources, fighting for the interests of America’s injured heroes on Capitol Hill, and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.

How we accomplish our mission
- More than 100 offices throughout the U.S. and in Puerto Rico.
- More than 300 national and transition service officers who are wartime injured and ill veterans themselves.
- Counsel and representation for service members and their families with claims for benefits from the VA, DOD and other government agencies.
- Continual training to stay up to date on changes in all laws and regulations affecting benefits.

How can DAV assist in your transition?
- Reviewing your service treatment records to identify conditions that may warrant disability compensation by the VA.
- Explaining the claims process, assisting in completing forms and presenting all claims information for you to the VA.
- Representing your claims during their adjudicative and possible appeals processes.

Why is it important to speak with a DAV representative before discharge?
As you prepare to transition from military service, the decisions made now will affect your future in many ways. DAV is here to help and assist you.

What is disability compensation?
A VA monetary tax-free benefit paid for an illness or injury incurred or aggravated by active military service, known as a “service-connected disability.”

Examples that may warrant compensation
- Migraines and headaches
- Erectile dysfunction or infertility
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Anxiety and depression
- Dermatitis or eczema
- Meniere’s syndrome
- Hearing loss
- Ulcers
- Sleep apnea
- Arthritis
- Fractures
- Sinusitis
- Vertigo

Other areas service connection may make a difference
- Federal employment preference
- Vocational rehabilitation and education benefits
- VA home loan guarantees
- Health care at the VA
- VA life insurance
- Property tax exemptions
- Educational tuition waivers
- State and local benefits
- Death benefits for your family

How can DAV help you find a job?
DAV is committed to ensuring the veterans who stood up for America have the tools, resources and opportunities they need to competitively enter the job market and secure meaningful employment. That’s why we would like to share the Grow with Google Program. Veterans and military families can access tools and resources designed to help with the transition to civilian life and to build successful careers.

Begin your job search
You can search “jobs for veterans” on Google and enter your military occupation code (MOS, AFSC, NEC or rating) to see relevant civilian jobs that require similar skills to those used in your military roles. You can also enter your military occupation code on the career sites of companies like Seimens, veteran job sites like RecruitMilitary and Getting Hired, and job boards like CareerBuilder. And military spouses can apply a “work from home” location filter to job searches on Google to find remote work opportunities.

Start or grow your business
You can identify your business as owned, led or founded by veterans by adding a “Veteran-Led” attribute to your listing on Google, which will show up when people look for your business on Google Search and Maps.

Launch a career in IT support
Demand for IT support jobs is projected to grow faster than the average of all other occupations by 2026. You can get qualified for an entry-level job in eight months or less with the IT Support Professional Certificate. No IT experience is necessary. After completion, you can connect with potential employers who are looking to hire entry-level IT support specialists. Transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses may be eligible for a scholarship. Talk to your transition service officer for details or visit grow.google/programs/it-support.