Apply for CRSC

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Simplify the CRSC claim process by following the steps below and using the resources in the downloads section of this site. Most important, make sure you collect important evidence to document your injuries before submitting your CRSC claim.

Reference: <u>DOD FMR vol 7B Chapter 63</u> / scroll down in "Volume 7B Chapters" box on right of page to "Chapter 63 - Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)"

Once at the DOD FMR web site you will need to find volume 7B Chapter 63 Follow these steps to submit your CRSC Claim:

Step 1- Review CRSC eligibility questionnaire

Step 2- Gather your documentary evidence:

- Copies of DD 214/215s. Be sure to retain a copy for your records
- All VA-rating decisions including the VA letter, the actual VA rating decisions and the VA code sheets
- Medical records that show the causation of the disability(not needed are numerous pages showing the treatment or severity)

Step 3- Make sure you have a retired pay account, and a VA waiver in place on your retired pay account from DFAS. Go to 'My Pay" pull up your electronic retired pay account, look near the bottom and you will see the word "Waiver" and a dollar amount next to it. **The two must common reasons for an ineligible letter to be mailed out is No retired pay account and/or VA waiver not in place on account.

Step 4-** Determine if your decisions state "HOW" the injury occurred (If not, go though your personnel and medical records to see if you can find any evidence to **verify** the claim)

Step 5- Download a claim form (July 2011), Choose the DD Forms, and choose the DD 2860.

Step 6- Submit your application via any of the methods below. Ensure that electronic submissions are NOT password protected as this may delay the processing of your claim.

Mail

Department of the Army U.S. Army Human Resources Command ATTN: AHRC-PDP-C (CRSC), Dept 420 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue Fort Knox, KY 40122-5402

Email: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-crsc-claims@mail.mil

FAX: (502)613-9550

Documents to Support your CRSC Claim:

Including relevant **supporting documentation** with your CRSC claim assists CRSC in determining CRSC eligibility. Time and again, claims come in lacking supporting documentation linking the injury to a combat-related situation. Click for combat-related definitions.

When completing the DD Form 2860 (CRSC Claim Form), please include the following documents to verify your injuries as combat-related.

Essential Documents:

- 1. All available DD 214s/ DD 215s. You may obtain copies online from the <u>National Personnel Records</u> Center (NPRC). Be sure to retain a copy for your records.
- 2. **All complete** Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) Rating Decisions/ VA Physician Reports/ VA Medical Records specifically showing the causation of the disability (including the VA letter, the actual VA rating decisions and the VA code sheets)

IMPORTANT- If you have copies of your VA records please send copies to the U.S. Army CRSC Division. Highly Recommended Documents:

- 1. Medical Records (showing the disability causation)
- 2. Award Certificates and/or narratives
- 3. Military Medical Treatment Facility Records (showing the disability causation)
- 4. Military Orders

Suggested Documents:

- 1. Military Quadrennial Physical Examinations
- 2. Military Retirement Physicals
- 3. Physical Evaluation Board Proceedings
- 4. Clinical Records or Notes (showing the disability causation)
- 5. Sick Slips
- 6. Western Union Casualty Notification Telegrams
- 7. Officers Record Brief
- 8. Enlisted Records Brief

Note: DO NOT send original records, please send copies. If all you have is a copy, please be sure to retain a copy for your own records.

When submitting Physical Evaluation Board Proceedings (PEB), DA Form 199, etc. as supporting documentation, please recognize that Physical Disability Agency (PDA) determinations are in reference to other laws than CRSC. An example is combat related under 26 USC 104, which is similar to CRSC, but because they are different laws there may be variance between PDA determinations of combat related and that of CRSC's determination.

Links that can assist you with your Claim

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