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WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

VFW Pre-Discharge (or BDD) Representatives proudly serve:

- Transitioning service members within 180 days of separation.
- Individuals who are no more than 12 months beyond separation or retirement.

LOCAL VFW SERVICE OFFICERS STAND READY TO ASSIST ALL OTHERS
Your local VFW service officer can be found at www.vfw.org/NVS.

In order for the VFW to serve you best, copies of the following documents are required for your appointment:

- ☐ **Complete copy of Medical Records (for submittal to VA) to include:**
  - ☐ **AHLTA (Electronic Medical Records)**
  - ☐ **Hard Copy Military Records (can be on a CD)**
  - ☐ **Behavioral / Mental Health Records**
  - ☐ **Civilian Medical Records**
- ☐ **Any Prior Service DD-214s**
- ☐ **Dependent's Documents**
  - ☐ **Marriage/Divorce Documents for self & spouse**
  - ☐ **Birth Certificates for spouse & children**
  - ☐ **Social Security Cards for spouse & children**
  - ☐ **School information for children 18 to 23**
- ☐ **Banking Information (Department of Treasury requirement for direct deposit of VA benefits.)**

***PLEASE MAINTAIN COPIES OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS**

***By law, VFW claims assistance is provided to eligible service members and veterans FREE OF CHARGE.**
***The VFW cannot serve veterans who receive discharges characterized as Dishonorable.**

The three main VA claim programs served by VFW Pre-Discharge Representatives are:

Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) – Service members with 180-60 days remaining to discharge.
Quick Start – Service members with 59-1 days remaining to discharge.
Fully Developed Claims (FDC) – Veterans who have already separated or retired from the military.

PLEASE BE ON TIME. LATE INDIVIDUALS MAY BE ASKED TO RESCHEDULE.
For any questions, contact the VFW Washington Office at vfw@vfw.org, attention "BDD."