

# Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

## For Arizona veterans and those who care for them.



### Documents Checklist

*Items to provide to a veteran benefits counselor to assist in filing a VA claim.*

**\*\* Please Note - The following documents are not required to file a formal claim but will increase the likelihood of a VA award and will also expedite the process.**

#### All appointments:

- DD-214, WD AGO 53-55 (WWII), or Other Military Discharge
- Marriage Certificate, if applicable
- Dates of all Previous marriages/divorces for you and Spouse
- Birth Certificates, if applicable for all Dependent Children
- Previous VA letters, if available
- Bank Name, Routing #, and Acct. # for Direct Deposit

#### If applying for compensation:

- Service Treatment Records, if available. All National Guard/Reserve treatment records, if available.
- Current VHA Problem List showing a diagnosis for the condition(s) claiming, if treatment is received at VHA
- Current Non-VA Providers Diagnosis records showing claimed condition(s)
- Any additional medical records showing continuity of treatment since military service

#### If applying for non-service connected pension:

- Medical records showing total and permanent disability(s), if under age 65
- Proof of income – i.e. Social Security Award Letter, retirement letter (If applicable)
- Proof of net worth – i.e. bank accounts, IRA's, trusts, property other than home
- Proof of medical expenses – i.e. Medicare, private insurance, prescription receipts, personal care expenses

#### If applying for accrued benefits/dependency and indemnity compensation/widow's pension:

- Copy of veteran's death certificate
- Proof of income – i.e. Social Security Award Letter, retirement letter (If applicable)
- Proof of net worth – i.e. bank accounts, IRA's, trusts, property other than home
- Proof of medical expenses – i.e. Medicare, private insurance, prescription receipts, personal care expenses

#### If applying for burial benefits:

- Copy of veteran's death certificate
- Funeral/transportation bill
- Itemized contract/receipt showing paid in full from funeral home and/or cemetery with claimant's name on receipt