

FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

FACT SHEET



VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS (VSOs)

A number of veterans' service organizations are federally chartered and/or recognized or approved by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. These VSOs may prepare, present, and prosecute VA claims.

Each VSO's service officer will, at no cost to you, the veteran, assist you prepare and manage your claims for benefits. Service officers function as an advocate for the veterans and families they represent. They assist veterans and their families in filing claims for VA disability compensation, rehabilitation and education programs, pension and death benefits, employment and training programs, Social Security disability benefits, and many other programs.

For additional information or assistance, visit a VSO office in your area. Check your local telephone directory under government listings for VSO offices in your area. VSOs have representatives at most VA regional offices. You may also get information about VSOs from your VA medical center's Voluntary Service program manager. You may also see the directory of veterans' service organizations on our web site at www.va.gov/vso/index.htm

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