

JANUARY 2022 ISSUE

NOBLES COUNTY VSO NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2022! This office is excited to continue supporting the great veterans of Nobles County! I encourage each of you to stop by and meet with me and see what the office is all about!

There will be some new changes taking place, including a new look to the office layout. There will be new informational flyers and pamphlets available at my location for you and your family to take home.

Additionally, 2022 is bringing in some new changes to the Department of Veterans Affairs, including a huge increase in compensation for those who are receiving monthly benefits from the VA. More on this as you read on...

With all of that said, please enjoy the first newsletter of the year and stay safe out there as the winter season begins to kick into high gear.

- James Dunn, Nobles County Veterans Service Officer (VSO)





New VA Compensation Rates 2022

There have been rumors since late last year about a huge increase in the VA compensation rates. The anticipation has been building for quite some time, but it is finally here!

Effective December 1st, anyone who is service connected will be receiving a 5.9% increase in their monthly compensation. Since the VA operates a month behind, these new payments should go into effect on the first of this month (January).

Note: Veterans rated at 10% or 20% will not be receiving a higher rate regardless of status

It is also worth noting that the information provided are just the base rates. Veterans who are receiving additional compensation (i.e. Aid and Attendance) are encouraged to reach out to this office for assistance.

If you have questions pertaining to this information, please feel free to reach this office at (507) 295-5292. You can also visit the VA website at www.va.gov if you have additional questions or concerns.

Disability Rating Veteran (alone, no dependents) / With Spouse (no parents or children)

30% \$467.39 / \$522.39
40% \$673.28 / \$747.28
50% \$958.44 / \$1,050.44
60% \$1,214.03 / \$1,325.03
70% \$1,529.95 / \$1,659.95
80% \$1,778.43 / \$1,926.43
90% \$1,998.52 / \$2,165.52
100% \$3,332.06 / \$3,517.84

Disability Rating With Spouse and 1 Parent (no children) / With Spouse and 2 Parents (no children)

30% \$566.39 / \$610.39
40% \$806.28 / \$865.28
50% \$1,124.44 / \$1,198.44
60% \$1,414.03 / \$1,503.03
70% \$1,763.95 / \$1,867.95
80% \$2,045.43 / \$2,164.43
90% \$2,299.52 / \$2,433.52
100% \$3,666.94 / \$3,816.04

Disability Rating With 1 Parent (no spouse or children) / With 2 Parents (no spouse or children)

30% \$511.39 / \$555.39
40% \$732.28 / \$791.28
50% \$1,032.44 / \$1,106.44
60% \$1,303.03 / \$1,392.03
70% \$1,633.95 / \$1,737.95
80% \$1,897.43 / \$2,016.43
90% \$2,132.52 / \$2,266.52
100% \$3,481.16 / \$3,630.26

Disability Rating Veteran with 1 Child (no spouse or parents) / With 1 Child and Spouse (no parents)

30% \$504.39 / \$563.39
40% \$722.28 / \$801.28
50% \$1,020.44 / \$1,118.44
60% \$1,288.03 / \$1,407.03
70% \$1,615.95 / \$1,754.95
80% \$1,877.43 / \$2,035.43
90% \$2,109.52 / \$2,287.52
100% \$3,456.30 / \$3,653.89

Disability Rating With 1 Child, Spouse / 1 Parent With 1 Child, Spouse, and 2 Parents

30% \$607.39 / \$651.39
40% \$860.28 / \$919.28
50% \$1,192.44 / \$1,266.44
60% \$1,496.03 / \$1,585.03
70% \$1,858.95 / \$1,962.95
80% \$2,154.43 / \$2,273.43
90% \$2,421.52 / \$2,555.52
100% \$3,802.99 / \$3,952.09

Disability Rating With 1 Child and 1 Parent (no spouse) / With 1 Child and 2 Parents (no spouse)

30% \$548.39 / \$592.39
40% \$781.28 / \$840.28
50% \$1,094.44 / \$1,168.44
60% \$1,377.03 / \$1,466.03
70% \$1,719.95 / \$1,823.95
80% \$1,996.43 / \$2,115.43
90% \$2,243.52 / \$2,377.52
100% \$3,605.40 / \$3,754.50



VA Processing Claims For Gulf War Veterans

As of August of last year, the Department of Veterans Affairs has started processing disability claims related to particulate matter. They have determined the following conditions to be presumptive to exposure:

- Asthma
- Rhinitis
- Sinusitis

These conditions are based on a presumptive basis due to exposure during military service in the Southwest Asia theater. These conditions will be examined if they manifested within 10 years of a qualifying period of military service.

To be eligible for a potentially successful claim, you must meet the following requirements:

- Served in the Southwest Asia theater beginning August 2, 1990 to present
- OR
- Served in Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Syria, Djibouti beginning on September 19, 2001 to present

The Southwest Asia theater identifies Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Persian Gulf, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, and the airspace covering these regions.



Veteran Employment Information

If you are a veteran or know of a veteran who is in need of a job, CareerForce is here to assist you!

CareerForce helps current and former military members plan for a successful career in the civilian sector. Eligible veterans will receive individual counseling, with assistance in areas such as resume writing, interviewing techniques, and job search support.

There are currently 50 locations throughout the state of Minnesota, including one right here in Worthington.

If you are a veteran and are seeking assistance with employment, feel free to stop by this office to fill out a Minnesota Veteran Questionnaire.

You are also encouraged to reach out to Veteran Employment Representative Rebecca Kaas at 507-476-4043 or by e-mail at rebecca.kaas@state.mn.us



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