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ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR VA SERVICE CONNECTED (SC) VETERANS

- **Note: The benefits listed below have eligibility requirements, some are very complex, please contact our office for details. (General Information Only)**

0% Evaluation

- VA medical treatment for any sc condition
- VA Fee Basis card for treatment of sc conditions at non-VA facilities (must be applied to and approved by the nearest VA Medical facility)
- Service-Disabled Veterans VA Life Insurance (must have been released from active service on or after April 25, 1951 and apply within 2 years of the date VA grants new sc condition)
- Federal Civil Service Preference and state and county veterans preference for veterans only, subject to government approval
- Annual clothing allowance (prosthetic/wheelchair/skin conditions)
- Temporary total disability (100%) evaluation for VA approved hospitalization in excess of 21 days for sc condition **and/or** for medically documented periods of convalescence for sc condition from 1 to 3 months.
- Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) for loss of or loss of use of sc lower/upper extremities (foot or feet, leg or legs, hand or hands, arm or arms), creative organ, blindness, deafness, confinement to a wheelchair, housebound, need for aid and attendance etc.....

10% to 20% In Addition to the Above

- VA medical treatment for any condition (except dental) to include eye glasses and hearing aids based upon VA determined need (possible \$8.00 co-pay for 30-day supply of medication for non-sc conditions subject to means test)
- Vocational Rehabilitation (must be 20% sc or 10% sc with serious employment handicap and apply within 12 years of date VA first notified veteran of at least 10% sc disability)
- VA home loan funding fee exemption
- Combat Related Special Compensation for military retirees (CRSC)
- VA home improvement and structural alteration (HISA) grant (apply to your VA physician)

- Automobile grant (one time) and adaptive equipment (multiple times), must qualify under certain SMC provisions

30% In Addition to the Above

- Dependent allowances for spouse, children and dependent parents
- Aid and Attendance allowance for disabled spouse

50% In Addition to the Above

- No VA medical co-payments
- Golden Access Pass for federal parks <http://store.usgs.gov/pass/access.html#benefits>
- Concurrent retired disability pay for military retirees (CRDP)

60% In Addition to the Above

- Increased compensation (total 100% evaluation) based upon unemployability due to one sc disability rated at 60%

70% to 90% In Addition to the Above

- Increased compensation (total 100% evaluation) based upon unemployability with at least one sc disability rated at 40%

100% Schedular Rating or Total Disability Based Upon Unemployability In Addition to the Above

- VA dental care
- VA sponsored education for dependents, Chapter 35, (must be permanent and total rated or sc death)
- VA life insurance waiver of premiums (must be unable to work due to any disability or disabilities for a minimum six months prior to age 65)
- Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) for dependents
- VA specially adapted housing and home adaptation grants (must qualify under strict SMC provisions)
- Maryland State Parks, Universal Disability Pass (must be permanently and totally disabled) <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/download/vehiclept.pdf>
- Complimentary lifetime fishing license (must be permanently and totally disabled) <http://dnr.maryland.gov/download/dnrf3.pdf>
- Complimentary lifetime hunting license, apply at a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Service Centers (must be permanently and totally disabled)
- Military commissary privileges and ID cards
- Property tax exemption
- Eligibility to compete for admission to military academies (sons or daughters)