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A project of the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) providing veterans free legal assistance.



Application for Free Legal Assistance with a Discharge Upgrade

By completing this application, you are applying to Lawyers Serving Warriors[®] for free legal assistance with a discharge upgrade. Filling out this application does not guarantee you legal representation through our project. Lawyers Serving Warriors[®] first needs to review your records and analyze your case. We are not able to take every case. But we do guarantee that you will **never** be charged any legal fees by Lawyers Serving Warriors[®] or by any of our volunteer attorneys. It will take us some time to decide whether we can provide you legal representation. Therefore, it is important for you to understand that you are responsible for meeting any deadlines that may apply to your case.

This application <u>must</u> be fully completed, signed, and returned along with the following documents:

- Final DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- All previous decisions by a Discharge Review Board (DRB) and/or a Board for Correction of Military Records (BCMR), if applicable
- All VA rating decisions (or other VA documents showing service-connected disabilities and associated ratings), if applicable
- Completed Privacy Act Waiver and Standard Form 180 (please provide handwritten signatures that clearly show your full first and last name)

Confidentiality: Lawyers Serving Warriors[®] will not disclose the information you provide us, or the records you authorize us to obtain, to anyone who is neither an employee nor an agent of Lawyers Serving Warriors[®].

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SECTION I

Name:			
Date of birth:	Social Security #:		
Permanent mailing address:			
City:	State: Zip:		
Home phone:	Work phone:		
Cell phone:	Email:		
Alternate contact's name:	Relationship:		
Alternate contact's phone:	Alternate contact's email:		
SECTION II			
Military branch of service:	Rank/grade at discharge:		
Date of enlistment:	Date of discharge:		
	vice listed on your DD Form 214?		
What is the narrative reason for you (the narrative reason is generally found in	ur separation listed on your DD Form 214?		
SECTION III			
Have you ever filed a claim for VA a	disability compensation? Yes No		
If yes, with which Regional Office di	id you file your claim?		
	ensation for service-connected disabilities? Yes No		





Do you receive VA health care for service-connected disabilities? Yes

If you have been diagnosed with any mental disorders, including but not limited to PTSD, anxiety disorder, or depression, please list them:

No

Mental disorder	Service-connecte	ed? VA rating, if applicable
	Yes No	

SECTION IV

Have you applied to a DRB or a BCMR to upgrade your discharge? Yes No I have an application pending

If yes, please tell us more information about your previous application(s):

Board (DRB or BCMR)	Date of decision (mm/dd/yyyy)	Outcome (granted or denied)

PLEASE NOTE: A copy of each previous decision letter must be submitted with this application.

SECTION V

Please briefly explain the reasons why you think a discharge upgrade is warranted for your case. Detailed information assists us in assessing your request for help.

SIGNATURE

By completing this application, I am applying for services provided by Lawyers Serving Warriors[®]. Lawyers Serving Warriors[®] will treat information I provide through this application and any records collected regarding me during the evaluation process as confidential information. This information is for Lawyers Serving Warriors[®] to assess whether or not the project can provide me with free legal representation. I understand that my information will only be viewed by project staff or volunteer attorneys and their staff. I understand that I will **not** be charged a fee by Lawyers Serving Warriors[®] or the volunteer attorneys. I also understand that Lawyers Serving Warriors[®] is not able to take every case and filling out this application does not guarantee that I will receive services from Lawyers Serving Warriors[®].





Print name

Signature

 $Date \; (\text{MM}/\text{DD}/\text{YYY})$