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**TDVS Updates**

Annual Training Conference

Fall Training Conference photos can be found on TDVS's Flickr page here:  
<http://bit.ly/37EnMtg>

VetraSpec and Open Database

As announced at the Annual Conference, VetraSpec users now have access to all veterans in Tennessee's VetraSpec database. Please remember to change the Office and CVSO information to reflect the office (Region/Office/County) and individual (CSO) assisting the client in order to improve the accuracy of VetraSpec's report functions.

OFFICE AND CVSO INFORMATION	
REGION/OFFICE/COUNTY:	<input type="text" value="Nashville Field Office"/>
CSO:	<input type="text" value="Travis Murphy - TDVS"/>
CLAIM MANAGED BY:	<input type="text" value="Travis Murphy - TDVS"/>
RECORD LAST EDITED BY:	Travis Murphy (TDVS) on Dec. 02, 2019
RECORD ORIGINALLY ENTERED BY:	Travis Murphy (TDVS), on Jun. 27, 2019
IS THIS RECORD CONFIDENTIAL?	<input type="text" value="No"/>
<input type="button" value="Save"/>	

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Use constitutes agreement of the TOS

**VA and Veteran Benefit Updates**

Expanded Access to Commissaries and Exchanges

Beginning January 1, 2020 all service-connected veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, and individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregiver of eligible veterans under VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PFAFC) will be eligible to access commissaries, military service exchanges and MWR services. A recent VA [blog post](#) provided additional information on this expanded access, including information on the credentials necessary for access.



## New Benefits Rate Tables Effective December 1, 2019

VA's new rate tables are now available on VA's website:

[Veteran Compensation Benefits Rate Table](#)

[Veterans Pension Rate Table](#)

[Survivors Pension Rate Tables](#)

[DIC Rate Tables](#)

## **Quality Review Insights**

### War Records Password Protected DD214s

Tennessee War Records has begun to email customers password protected DD214s. Please be sure to remove the password protection prior to uploading the DD214 as a VetraSpec document. One way to do this is to print, scan and upload the document. Uploading the original .pdf received from War Records prevents subsequent users from accessing the uploaded DD214 in VetraSpec.

### Digital Filing Fact Sheet

This [Digits to Digits and Digital Filing Fact Sheet](#) provides a series of tips to ensure that eligible forms you generate on behalf of your clients can be successfully filed with VA using the quickest filing method possible.

## **Practice Like a Pro**

### VBMS Upgrade - Claims and Intent to File

A recent VBMS upgrade added a new "Claim and ITF Combined Display" which provides a claim and ITF history for the veteran. To access the new feature, select the Intent to File tab from a veteran's profile and then select the "Claim and ITF Combined Display" button on the top left-hand side of the screen.

Claim and ITF Combined Display Select a status: ALL (2)

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**Compensation**

Benefit Sought: COMPENSATION	Created Date: 07/03/2019
ITF Received Date: 07/03/2019	Source: D2D
ITF Status: CLAIM RECEIVED	Last System Update: 07/08/2019
Date of Claim: 07/08/2019	

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Benefit Sought: COMPENSATION	Created Date: 09/18/2019
ITF Received Date: 09/06/2019	Created By: JACOB BENSON
ITF Status: CLAIM RECEIVED	Source: CENTMAIL
Date of Claim: 11/23/2019	Last System Update: 11/25/2019

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**Pension**  
No Results Found

**Survivor**  
No Results Found

**No Benefit Identified**  
No Results Found

Filter Received Date between  and  Filter

Showing 1 to 5 of 5 entries

Type	Received Date	Status	Benefit Type	EP Code - Claim Label
Claim	11/23/2019	OPEN	CPL	020 - D2D-Supplemental (020)
Claim	11/23/2019	RFD	CPL	040 - Supplemental Claim Rating
ITF	09/06/2019	CLAIM RECEIVED	COMPENSATION	
Claim	07/08/2019	CLD	CPL	110 - D2D-Initial Live Comp <8 Issues (110)
ITF	07/03/2019	CLAIM RECEIVED	COMPENSATION	

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