

TDVS Fact Sheet Complex Claims Assistance Program Discharge Upgrades

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A less than fully Honorable discharge can have negative and long-lasting consequences on former service members following their military service. A less than honorable discharge can prevent Veterans from accessing VA benefits, cause difficulty finding employment, and contribute to chronic homelessness.

Why it matters: The rate of Veterans with less than honorable discharges has been climbing since World War II, through the Vietnam War, and to the present day according to [Underserved: How the VA Wrongfully Excludes Veterans with Bad Paper](#) published by the Veterans Legal Clinic of Harvard Law School.

What's next: TDVS is partnering with NVLSP's Lawyers Serving Warriors® program to help in some discharge upgrades.

Take these three steps to seek assistance for your client --

Step # 1 - Establish Power of Attorney with TDVS.

Step # 2 – Assist the Veteran with [Requesting Assistance](#) from NVLSP's Lawyers Serving Warriors® Program.

Client Information

Please be advised you will receive a separate email with our application packet once you complete and save this online form. If you do not receive the email, please contact info@nvlsp.org.

<p>Middle Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Phone <input type="text"/></p> <p>No Phone <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>*** Gender --None-- <input type="text"/></p> <p>Email <input type="text"/></p> <p>No Email <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>*** Street Address <input type="text"/></p> <p>*** City <input type="text"/></p> <p>*** Postal / Zip Code <input type="text"/></p> <p>Military Branch --None-- <input type="text"/></p>	<p>*** First Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>*** Last Name <input type="text"/></p> <p>Secondary Phone <input type="text"/></p> <p>Other Phone <input type="text"/></p> <p>*** Birthdate <input type="text"/></p> <p>*** State / Province / Region <input type="text"/></p> <p>Country <input type="text"/></p> <p>Race <input type="text"/></p> <p>Race --None-- <input type="text"/></p>
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Case Type

Applications for Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)

Assistance with Discharge Upgrades for Veterans

General Applications for Services

Representation to service members being processed through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES)

Applications to Boards for Correction of Military Records (DCMR) & Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR) for veterans who wish to obtain medical retirement

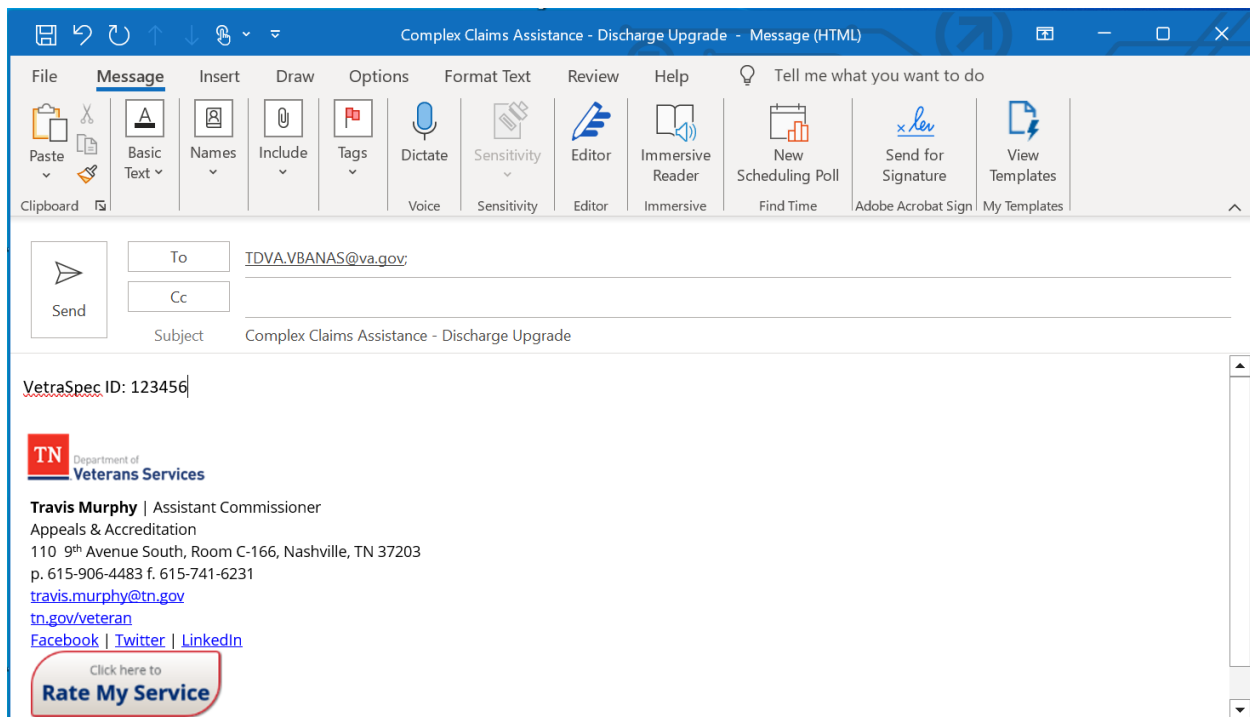
TSDGI (Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection Program)

Step # 3 – Flag for TDVS’s liaison -- Quality & Appeals Specialist Lloyd Sharp -- with NVLSP’s Lawyers Serving Warriors® team.

Either email the VetraSpec ID to tdva.vbanas@va.gov **OR** when you make the referral, simply add a “Communication” entry in the Veteran’s VetraSpec profile, so fellow Service Officers don’t duplicate your efforts.

Email Option -

- Email Subject – Complex Claims Assistance – Discharge Upgrade
- Email Body – VetraSpec ID



VetraSpec Option -

- Select the “Communication” tab, select “Other”
- Note “Complex Claims Assistance – Discharge Upgrade”

- [The Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program](#)
- [VA's Discharge Upgrade Website](#)
- [NVLSP Self Help Manual](#): Applying for VA Benefits After a Discharge Upgrade
- Yale Law School – [Forms & Resources for Veterans Seeking Discharge Upgrade](#)

TDVS Can Help

Please feel free to contact [Quality & Appeals Specialist Lloyd Sharp](#) for assistance and support.