

# VVA 1069 BENEFITS PRESENTATION 7/8/2015

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2. On June 18, 2015, the VA published a new regulation that expands eligibility, for benefits for a select group of Air Force Veterans and Air Force Reserve personnel who were exposed to Agent Orange through regular and repeated contact with contaminated C-123 aircraft that had been used in Vietnam as part of Operation Ranch Hand (ORH). Those veterans who think they might be eligible should contact a Veteran Service Officer or their service organization to get in contact with someone to help them file a claim.

3. According to a June 23 2015 article in the NEW YORK TIMES by Richard A Oppel, Jr., the number of veterans on wait lists of one month or more to see a VA doctor is now 50% higher than it was during the height of last year's problems the VA has announced The resolution that the Chapter is going to review tonight is an attempt to get the U.S Congress and the VA to reduce the 40 mile criteria in order to allow more veterans to use private doctors to reduce the number of veterans that waiting to see a VA doctor. Please see me at my table to sign, you and your spouse, the proposed resolution.

4. I presented information, to Chapter 1069 regarding service-connected disabilities on 1/14/2015 and Individual Unemployability (IU) on 2/11/2015. This information today is a comparison of the two as to how to attain a 100% rating for compensation purposes. A 100% service-connected disability rating can be attained by being awarded compensation for one or more service connected disabilities. IU is attained by a veteran having one disability rated at 60% or more OR two or more disabilities rated at 70% or more with one of the disabilities rated at 40% or more. If the veteran is SC 100% or IU, the compensation rate is \$2906.83 for a veteran with no dependents. If you are 100% SC, you can still work and make as much as you want. If you are IU, for 2015, you cannot make more than \$11,670, the poverty level in the U. S. for one person, and still retain your IU status.

EXAMPLES: (1) Veteran is 50% for ischemic heart disease and 40%, 30%, 20%, 20%, 20%, 20%, 20%, 20%. The veteran is 100% SC. (2) Veteran is 50% for Ischemic Heart Disease and 40%. The veteran is rated 70% for the two diseases and is eligible to apply for IU. The Ischemic disease or the 40% disease can both be stated on the claim for as the reason for the veteran not being able to obtain and retain GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT.