

## Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)



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# VETERAN BENEFITS



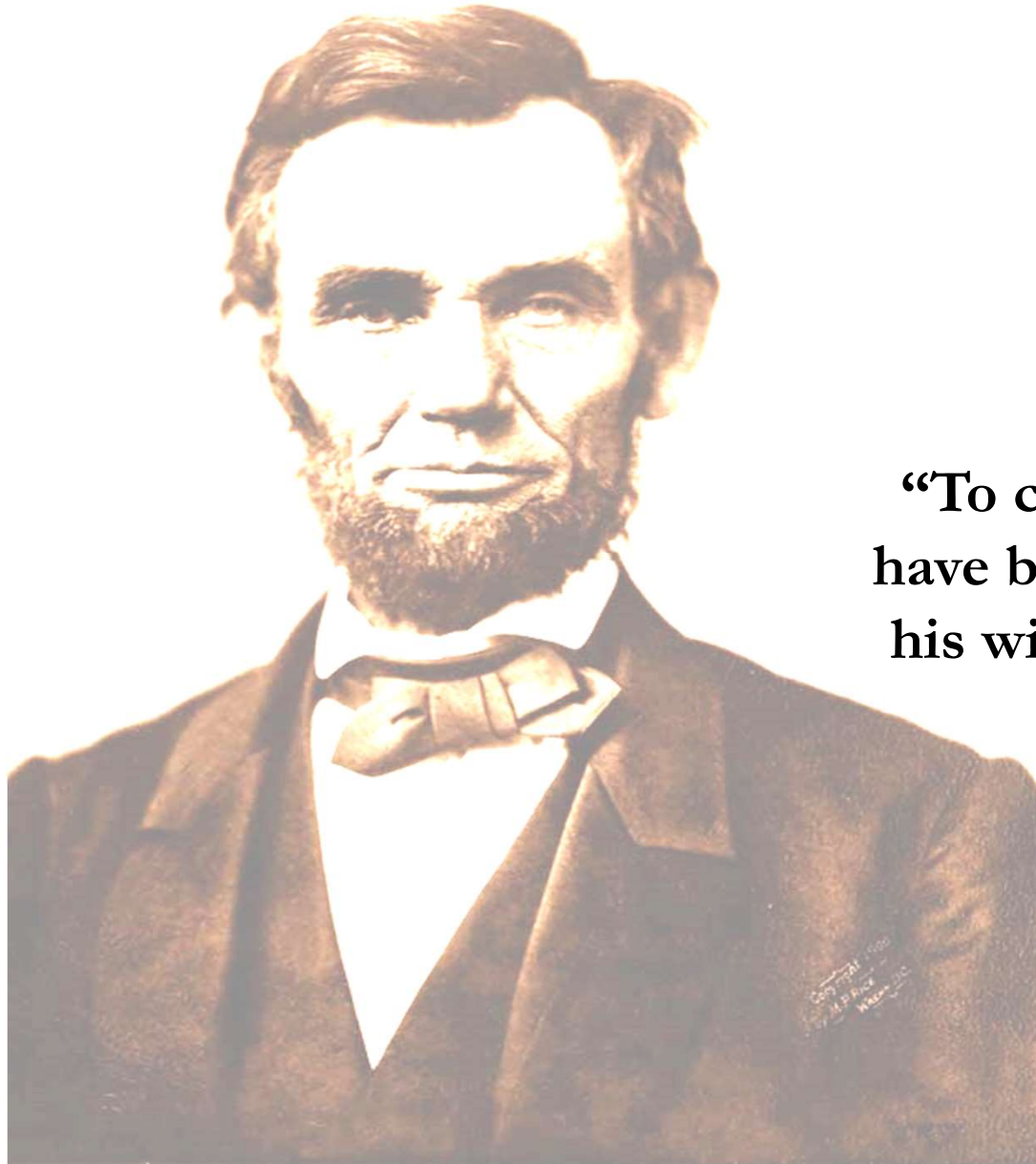
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- VA Compensation Benefits
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- Questions



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# Federal

- 26 Million Vets and 48 Million Family Members may be eligible for VA Benefits
- Less than 5% receive any Benefits, that equals 3,700,000 people
- 5 Million Determinations per Year
- VA has a dual role: to help veterans and to be guardians of taxpayers money



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# Newark Regional Office



21 Counties in NJ  
Newark RO's jurisdiction 14 counties  
Northern & Central Jersey

Newark Regional Office is located at:  
20 Washington Place  
Newark, NJ



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# Disability Compensation

- Must have an other than dishonorable discharge
- Disability arose while on active duty
- It is presumed to be service connected
- A pre-existing condition made worse
- Claim only needs to be proven “as more likely than not” service connected (51%)



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# Pension

- 3 types of pensions available
- Non-Service connected pension for the Veteran
- Disability and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)
- Survivors Pension



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# Non-Service Connected Pension

- Available for Veterans with no service connected disability
- Must be 65 years old and served 1 day during a period of war
- Income Threshold
- Aid and Attendance and Housebound is available
- Spouse's income is counted also



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# DIC

- Available to surviving spouse of Veteran: who dies of a service connect disability
- Who was rated 100% Permanent & Total (P&T) for over 10 years
- Must have been married for 1 year prior to veterans death



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# Resources

## Veterans Service Organizations **ACCREDITED!**

American Legion

Disabled American Veterans

National Association of County Veterans Service Officers

NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Vietnam Veterans of America

Veterans of Foreign War

**Accreditation = ACCESS to VA Systems!!**



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# OUTREACH



## “VA COMPENSATION TELEPHONIC CLAIMS CLINIC”

*Hosted by*

Department of Veterans Affairs/Newark RO

**Due to the COVID-19 Health Crisis, ALL Face-to-Face  
VA Claims Clinics are suspended until further notice**

However, we will be conducting

## “Telephonic Claims Clinics”

until normal operations resume

**Dates: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays**

**Time: 9AM – 3PM - APPOINTMENT ONLY**

To make an appointment contact Jennifer Myers at  
973-297-3384 or via email at

[jennifer.myers6@va.gov](mailto:jennifer.myers6@va.gov)

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# QUESTIONS?



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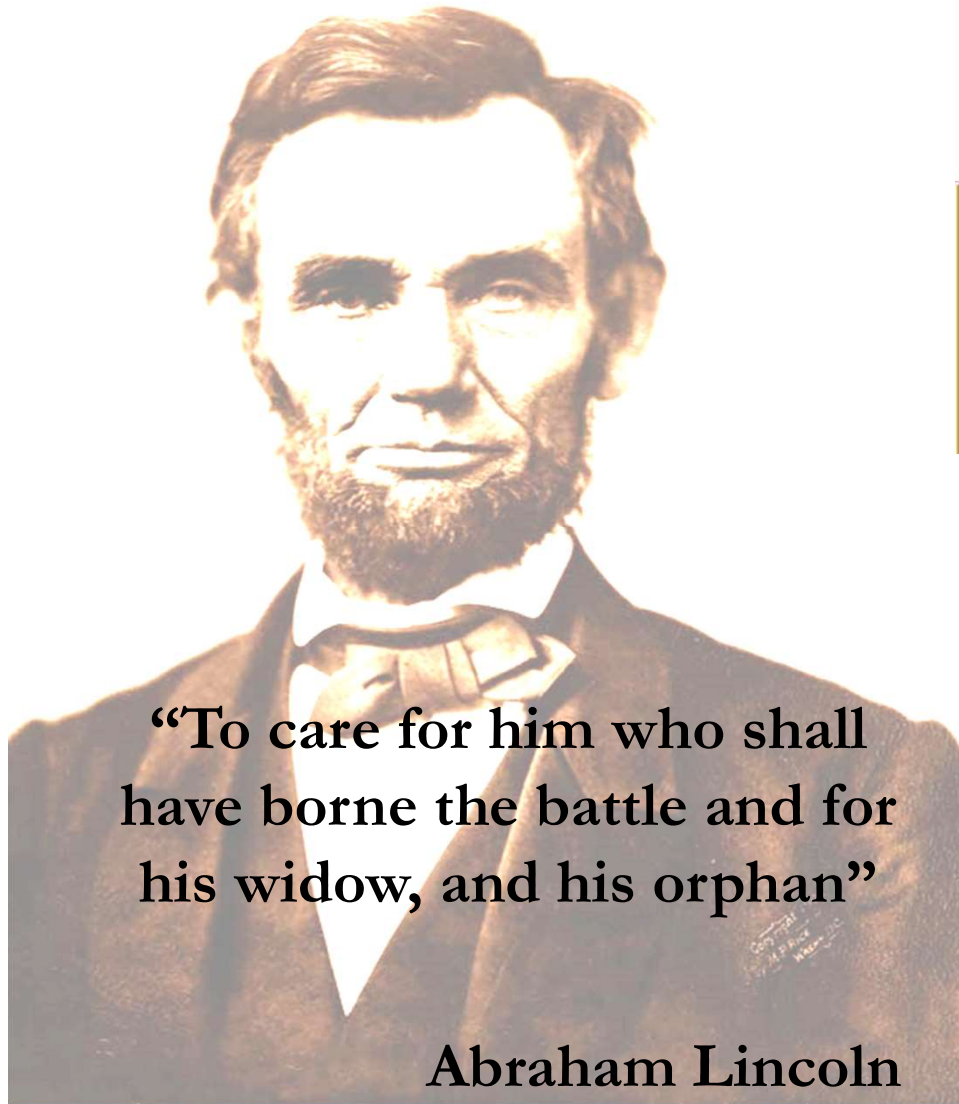
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The Advantage



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