

Service Newsletter

I read a story on the site www.disabledveterans.org by Benjamin Krause about VA home loans and disabled veterans. The gist of the story was about the complexities of when and how much of a disability a veteran receives and payment of fees to obtain a loan. Depending on when a disability is granted the amount may change or even be waved altogether.

According to Krause the VA knows of \$150 M wrongfully withheld. They estimates it will take 8 FTE for one year to correct. So far it's been 6 years since the VA made the estimate.

If you know of someone who is seeking a loan and applying for a disability rating then they can save themselves a lot of trouble and money by waiting if possible for the rating.

The VA is sending notices to vets about the Mission Act and how this can improve your healthcare with the VA. Some of the highlights is the availability of TeleHealth, using non-VA providers, copays and urgent care. <https://missionact.va.gov/>

Access standards – Veteran, medical groups respond to VA's proposed access standards. There is some concern that the VA will not have the funds to implement this so other parts of the VA will be starved to make up the difference.

http://digital.dav.org/publication/?i=582106#{%22issue_id%22:582106,%22page%22:22}

Camp Lejeune contaminated water presumptive conditions

North Carolina, from Aug. 1, 1953, to Dec. 31, 1987.

This final rule establishes that veterans, former reservists, and former National Guard members who served at Camp Lejeune for no less than 30 days (consecutive or nonconsecutive) during this period and who have been diagnosed with any of eight associated diseases are presumed to have incurred or aggravated the disease in service for purposes of entitlement to VA benefits.

Bull Session: Starting June 4 every Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. If you have questions about getting started on claiming benefits or just want to vent come out and have your say.