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Hello Everyone,

Veterans Day is just around the corner. I hope if you live in a state that offers the day off, you have talked to your leadership about getting the day off if you so choose. Please note that there are many special things that are being offered to you on Veterans Day. There are free lunches, free dinners, discounted tickets, discounted merchandise, free entry into event or parks, serves, tributes, and so much more. Remember, you served this country and you deserve this to Honor you on this day.

Here are a couple of links of some of the things being offered. Check in your local area for local promotions, discounts, freebies, etc.

[Veterans Day Freebies 2021, Promotions, Discounts \(iveteransday.org\)](http://iveteransday.org)

[2021 Veterans Day Deals, Discounts and Freebies | Military.com](http://Military.com)

Below is a benefits blog submitted by you TWU International Veterans Committee Benefits Sub-Committee:

Common VA Eligibility Misconceptions

I'm not a veteran and /or eligible for benefits.

If you were issued a DD214 and you were discharged with honorable or general discharge; under honorable conditions; you **could** be eligible to apply for compensation benefits. If you were discharged under other conditions there is a process to try and upgrade your discharge.

I was a peace time veteran, I only served 4 years, or I was not combat or boots on the ground and therefore not eligible compensation benefits.

Even in peacetime, military personnel get hurt or do things that were hazardous or detrimental to their health. Job function and other factors also could determine compensation eligibility.

I make too much money for medical and/or benefits.

While money is a stipulation for medical, it is not the only stipulation. Disability compensation and other factors could weigh heavily on whether you are eligible for medical or not. The amount of money you make does not disqualify you for medical eligibility when there is a compensable disability.



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Nothing happened to me, I am fine and there is nothing wrong with me.

While this might be true, a service officer can offer advice on things that you may not have realized are a result of military service and therefore can get compensation for.

I already filed a claim and was turned down

You can appeal that decision, and if the time has expired to appeal you can turn in a new claim.

I filed a claim and that's all I'm entitled to.

Not necessarily. New things are constantly being discovered and some problems do not crop up until later in life.

FOR ALL ISSUES AND QUESTIONS RELATED TO CLAIMS AND BENEFITS SEE A VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER. DAV, VFW, and American Legion are some of the most common VSO's (Veteran Service Officer) and easiest to find.

Enjoy YOUR day!!! Happy Veterans Day from the TWU International Veterans Committee.

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