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ASK THE QUESTION

*Do you have enough information about yours
or your Veteran's military service to apply for VA benefits?*

"DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT TO ASK??"

DO YOU KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS?

- DD214 or DD1300 Official Military Personnel File/Service Record
- Service medical records (SMR's) or service treatment records (STR's)
- Marriage certificate, divorce papers (if applicable)
- Minor children information, step and/or adopted
- VA medical records, current civilian doctor(s)
- Medical insurance information
- Veteran's death certificate (if applicable)

MILITARY SERVICE QUESTIONS

- At what military bases or posts was the Veteran stationed, including temporary duty?
- What was your Veteran's military occupational specialty?
- What equipment and/or chemicals were used in the performance of the Veteran's duties?
- Did the Veteran ever suffer an illness or injury while they were in service?
- Was the Veteran exposed to sexual assault?
- Did the Veteran receive a general discharge or other-than-honorable discharge?
- Does the Veteran have any current diagnoses?
- Does the Veteran have a disability rate from the VA?

If a military related condition caused or contributed to the death, the surviving spouse may qualify for Dependent Indemnity Compensation (DIC), monetary compensation. The military related condition must be listed on the death certificate. However, death certificates can be changed and updated to reflect the military related illness.

Organize all of the above information in a "Days Ahead" binder or separate file.

Veterans' Surviving Spouses Las Vegas meets to provide support, friendship, and help with VA benefits no matter the rank, cause, or date of death. We also provide information to Veterans and families before a crisis. We have been there and will walk with you when the time comes.

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