



Service Members Entitled to Retired Pay and Discharged Veterans – Rated 100% by the Department of Veteran Affairs

Note: This information is listed in AFI 36-3026(I), 29 Jul 99, para 8.1, and RAPIDS 6.x Training Guide.

Service Members Entitled to Retired Pay. There is a lot of confusion concerning the status of service members who are entitled to retired pay, but also are rated 100-percent disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs for compensation purposes. The key to the member's status is the fact the member is entitled to retired pay:

- Some service members may choose to waive their retired pay to receive "tax-exempt" disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, as it is more advantageous; however, this has no effect on their entitlement to a DD Form 2 Retired (Blue) ID card:
- The service member should be reflected in a Retired Status within the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and issued the DD Form 2 Retired (Blue) ID card. Note: RAPIDS 6.x will report these individuals under the Personnel Category as "Retired" in DEERS.
- Their eligible family members are issued the DD Form 1173 (Tan) ID card, reflecting eligibility to Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS), Military Treatment Facility (MTF) medical care, commissary, exchange, and Morale, Welfare, & Recreation (MWR) privileges. Note: Some family members may have been in receipt of medical benefits by error through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA); however, when the service member is in a retired status (Personnel Category) entitled to retired pay, then, entitlement to CHAMPUS prevails.

Honorably Discharged Veterans Rated 100-percent Disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Honorably discharged veterans not entitled to retired pay, who are rated 100-percent disabled from a Uniformed Service-connected injury or disease, were formerly entitled to a DD Form 1173 (Tan) ID card, but are now entitled to DD Form 2765 (Tan) ID card for sponsor only. These individuals and family members are eligible for commissary, exchange, and Morale, Welfare, & Recreation (MWR) privileges only. These individuals and family members are not entitled to medical care through the Uniformed Services; however, they receive their medical benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs:

- In order to receive an ID card, a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs must certify that the veteran is entitled to commissary and exchange privileges, and indicate whether a medical reevaluation is necessary:
- A copy of a DD Form 214, reflecting an honorable discharge is also required.
- The veteran is enrolled in DEERS as a disabled veteran temporary "DAVTMP," or disabled veteran permanent "DAVPRM," based on the letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Note: RAPIDS 6.x Personnel Category will report these individuals as DAVTMP & DAVPRM.