

## **Example Interview Questionnaire**

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## This example interview questionnaire is provided for use as an additional resource.

- 1) Are you receiving VA compensation or pension, and have ever filed a claim before?
  - If not, do you have a copy of your DD Form 214? (Include with packet)
  - If so, what disabilities are you service connected for and do you feel any may have worsened in severity or caused other disabilities?
     Share examples of disabilities that may be caused by service connected disabilities.
- 2) What was your Military Occupational Specialty (MOS)?
- 3) Do you suffer from hearing loss or ringing of the ears (tinnitus), and do you feel it's related to loud noise exposure in the military?
- 4) When in the military did you serve oversees and if so, where, and do you have any medical conditions possibly related? If applicable, share examples of presumptive illnesses relating to service oversees.
- 5) Do you have any current medical difficulties with your joints such as neck, back, shoulders, hips, knees, ankles, etc.?
  - If so, do you feel any are related to your time in the military and are you receiving treatment?
- 6) Did you have any injuries, medical conditions, or surgeries in the military?
  - If they had injuries or medical conditions, what were they and are you currently receiving treatment for any?
  - If they had any surgeries, what were they for and did they cause any scars?
- 7) Do you suffer from depression, anxiety, nightmares, difficulty sleeping or having personal relationships, etc.?
  - If so, do you feel it is related to a time or event in the military and can you prepare a statement about including the who, what, when, where, and why?
- 8) Have you had medical treatment for any conditions felt related to military either in service or out, and are you currently receiving treatment?

  If not currently receiving treatment, encourage to begin doing.
- 9) Can you write a personal statement on each of the disabilities related to the military? Encourage they include the who, what, when, where, and why in how it's related.
- 10) Can you obtain buddy statements from someone who can corroborate the in-service event or injury, and for the ongoing problems since service?

  If so, encourage they include the who, what, when, where, and why.