VA STANDARD FORMS
3 EASY WAYS TO FILE CLAIMS

1. ONLINE THROUGH eBENEFITS.VA.GOV
2. WITH A VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION (VSO)
3. USING VA STANDARD FORMS

VA is streamlining how Veterans and Survivors apply for benefits.

VA encourages Veterans to file their disability compensation claims online through the eBenefits portal. As of March 24, 2015, Survivors and Veterans who are not filing online must use standard forms to identify the benefit they are seeking.

FILE COMPENSATION CLAIMS ONLINE WITH eBenefits
www.ebenefits.va.gov

IF NOT FILING ELECTRONICALLY, USE VA'S STANDARD APPLICATION FORMS:

- **21-526EZ** FOR VETERAN'S COMPENSATION — AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY ON eBENEFITS
- **21-527EZ** FOR VETERAN'S PENSION
- **21-534EZ** FOR SURVIVOR'S DIC, DEATH PENSION, AND/OR ACCRUED BENEFITS

OPTIONAL "INTENT TO FILE" PROCESS

For Veterans and Survivors who need additional time to gather their claim information, but want to save the earliest possible effective date, VA is using a new "intent to file" process. A Veteran or Survivor, or his or her authorized representative, can submit minimal information to establish a potential effective date for benefits and then take up to one year to gather evidence and submit the required standard form.

"INTENT TO FILE" OPTIONS

- **WITH A VSO**
- **ELECTRONICALLY** FOR VETERANS COMPENSATION ONLY
- **BY PHONE / IN PERSON**
- **BY PAPER** VA FORM 21-0966

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.benefits.va.gov or call 1-800-827-1000

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