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Disability and Benefits Overview

The VA may provide a number of benefits to Veterans (contingent on type of discharge) including, but not limited to:

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If you are service connected or receive benefits from the VA, please consult the VA directly at 303.399-8020. If you need assistance with applying for or understanding your benefits, please review the resources below:

Colorado Veterans Service Officers
https://vets.colorado.gov/

The Veterans Service Officer (VSO) assists Veterans who served in the United States Military and/or their dependents in filing valid claims for including those listed above as well as life insurance, discharge upgrades, high school diplomas, and other issues.

The VSO may assist a surviving spouse or other individual with any entitled benefit based on the veteran’s service history.

Contact Information for local Veterans Service Officers:

Jefferson County Service Officers:
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- George Cassidy
  - 303-476-0048
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- Daniel Neelands
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**Disabled American Veterans (DAV)**
303-914-5570
[www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org)
- Free, professional assistance available from benefits advocates who can help veterans and their families receive the benefits they've earned—health care, disability, employment, education, financial benefits and more.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States**
1-833-VFW-VETS (1-833-839-8387)
[http://www.vfw.org/](http://www.vfw.org/)
5340 Marshall St. Arvada, CO 80002
- VFW's National Veterans Service (NVS) was established to help all veterans, service members, their families and survivors.
- NVS assists veterans and families in filing for disability compensation, rehabilitation and education programs, pension and death benefits, and employment and training programs.