

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY 2017

An appeal of a decision involves many steps, some optional and some required, and strict time limits. The case may also involve remands for more information at the Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA) and/or Court of Veterans Appeals (COVA) levels. A claimant may have several appeals in process at once, and several issues may be included in the same appeal. Usually, all issues on one VA decision will be included in the same appeal. The process starts with a Notice of Disagreement (NOD), which is your written statement stating why you disagree with a decision about your claim. This statement should be: **specific about your disagreement.** If decisions were made on multiple items, be clear about which item you are addressing. **Based on the final decision made by the VA.** Before benefits can be reduced or denied, the VA must send a "predetermination notice."

The San Mateo County Veterans Services Office (CVSO) can help you and your family submit claims for benefits to the Department of Veterans Affairs and provide follow up services to ensure that you receive the benefits to which you are entitled. All our services are free and confidential. Contact us today at (650) 802-6598 or visit us at 400 Harbor Blvd., Building B, in Belmont.

WHERE TO CONNECT WITH US:

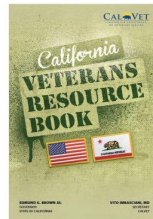
Tuesdays, 8:30am to 3pm, VA Menlo Park Building #348

January 12th & 26th, 8:30am-3pm, VA Palo Alto Building #4, Room #B210

January 25th, 8:30am-3:30pm, Skyline College Vet Resource Center

January 25th, 9am-3pm, Cañada College Vet Resource Center

January 30th, 9am-12pm, College of San Mateo Resource Center



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