

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS PRESENTED TO VVA 1069 2/11/2015

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2. Veterans Support Group started 10/1/2013 and Veteran's, and/or family members individual support counseling started 1/8/2015. Contact Don Montoya @(979) 532-1311 for an appointment for the counseling.
3. Disability Compensation was discussed 1/14/2015.
4. Additional benefits for service connected disabled veterans discussed 11/12/2014.
5. Burial benefits were discussed 10/8/2014.
6. Pension benefits (Veteran's pension) were discussed 10/8/2014.
7. Pension benefits (Death or survivor pension) were discussed 9/10/2014.
8. Accrued benefits were discussed 9/10/2014.
9. Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) was discussed 9/10/2014.

INDIVIDUAL UNEMPLOYABILITY (I. U.)

Individual Unemployability (IU) is a benefit administered by the VA that is payable under certain conditions when a veteran has one or more **SERVICE CONNECTED** disabilities rated less than 100% that interfere with his or her ability to secure or retain employment. I.U. benefits are provided when there is one **SERVICE CONNECTED** disability rated at 60% or more **OR** two or more **SERVICE CONNECTED** disabilities combined at 70 % or more, with at least one of the combined **SERVICE CONNECTED** disabilities rated at 40%.

Once an I.U. rating is granted VA will pay service connected compensation at the 100 % rate. Receipt of I.U. benefits does not mean that a veteran is never allowed to work again: however, if a veteran receiving I.U. benefits obtains **SUBSTANTIALLY GAINFUL** employment, I.U. benefits can be terminated. The VA's definition of **SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL** employment is any amount earned above the annual poverty level for one person set by the U.S. Census Bureau. In 2014, the poverty level for one person was \$ 11,670 (amounts earned below that amount are considered **MARGINAL** employment and do not affect receipt of I.U. benefits).