

**Toxic Exposure poisons veterans, their families, and generations to come.**



## **To file a claim for the child of a veteran, you will need the following:**

1. The father's and/or mother's DD214;
2. The marriage certificate of the child's biological parents;
3. The child's birth certificate (the child must have been born after parent's tour in-country);
4. The child's medical records (from birth to current diagnosis);
5. A completed VA Form 21-0304, "Benefits for Certain Children with Disabilities born of Vietnam and Korea Veterans."
6. A completed VA Form 21-22, "Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative." This form ensures that you have POA for the parent as well as the child. If the child is over 18 years of age and is competent, the child would file and sign the forms.

Copy the above documents with the VA date stamp; Scan and enter them into VetPro; Keep a copy of the documents in a secure location.

Send the completed children's claims to the Denver VA Regional Office/Children of Vietnam Veterans Claims.

It is recommended that a claim for helpless child is also submitted. Using the above logic, file a VA Form 21-526ez for a helpless child with the regional VBA office of jurisdiction. For the Helpless Child claim, include as additional evidence the social security record showing that the individual was totally disabled prior to 18 years of age.

## **To file a claim for the grandchild of a veteran, you will need the following:**

1. Follow Steps 1-3 for the CHILD'S CLAIM (Above);
2. The marriage certificate of the child born to veteran with Boots on the Ground;
3. The birth certificate of the grandchild of the biological grandfather/grandmother;
4. The child's medical records (from birth to current diagnosis);
5. A completed VA Form 21-0304, "Benefits for Certain Children with Disabilities born of Vietnam and Korea Veterans."
6. A completed VA Form 21-22, "Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative." This form ensures that you have POA for the parent as well as the child. If the child is over 18 years of age and is competent, the child would file and sign the forms.

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*It should be noted that for both the child and the grandchild claims, there is a 90+ percent chance that you will get an administrative denial based on the fact the "mother" did not serve in Vietnam. Follow up with a reconsideration and include medical evidence and a supporting medical opinion that links the birth defects with exposure. We know the grandchildren's claims will be denied, however we are intent on ensuring the grandchild's claim (record) is either made in a separate VBMS folder or is in the folder with the biological grandparent's C-File. This logic must also be followed with the children's claims.*

Semper Fi — Marc McCabe



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