

VA Answers 10 Most Frequent Questions

Q—Will my failure to report for a physical examination, ordered by VA, affect my payments of compensation?
 A—Yes. Upon failure to report for examination, without adequate reason, an award of disability compensation is suspended. Where the veteran subsequently reports for physical examination, retroactive payments over the intervening period may be precluded unless the evidence clearly establishes that the disability, in fact, existed to a com-

pensable degree during such period.
 Q—Is the amount of my disability compensation in any way affected by the amount of money I earn or receive from other sources?
 A—No.
 Q—Is the stepchild of a veteran entitled to the same benefits as a natural child?
 A—Yes, if the stepchild is or was a member of the veteran's household.
 Q—If I have entitlement time left after I finish my job-training course, may I enroll in another job-training course or go to school for the remainder of my entitlement?
 A—With prior approval from Veterans Administration, you may use any remaining entitlement either for job-training or for educational training.

Q—I was told that my disability, which I claim was due to service, cannot be service-connected because I had it before I entered ser-

vice. Am I eligible for compensation?
 A—If VA decides that your ailment was incurred in or aggravated by your service in the armed forces you will be entitled to receive compensation, if it exists to a compensable degree.
 Q—I am a veteran of World War I and would like to know if there is any limit for filing a claim for compensation for disability caused by my war service?
 A—There is no time limit set for filing claim for compensation under existing legislation.
 Q—I was practically compelled to sign a statement before my discharge that my disability existed prior to my enlistment. Will this prevent my receiving compensation?
 A—Any statement of this nature, according to the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G-I Bill), which you made at discharge is considered null and void. Decision as to service connection of the disability will be made by Veterans Administration based on the service medical record excluding the statement made at the time of discharge.

Q—I have been receiving readjustment allowance from Veterans Administration, and now would like to know if the money that has been paid to me will be deducted from any future bonus that may be authorized by the U. S. Congress?
 A—No.
 Q—Why is it that I can't get a reply to a letter I wrote Veterans Administration several months ago?
 A—In all probability, your letter is one of many that does not give sufficient information to identify you. In many instances, research must be made before the writer is identified, the claim acted on, and a reply sent out. It is estimated that about 20 percent of all letters received by VA do not give sufficient information for identification.

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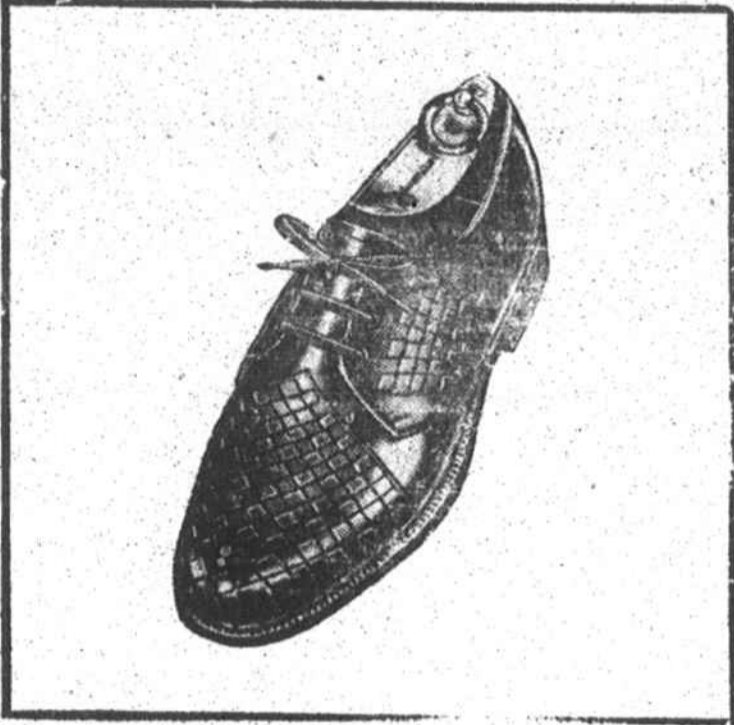
Grain now in storage on farms in this country has been found heavily infested with insect pests which eat the grain, the USDA has announced.

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