



NOTICE OF YOUR DUE PROCESS RIGHTS

RIGHT TO A HEARING:

A hearing is a meeting where you can talk to us about a decision we have made or a decision we are going to make. You may request a hearing to present testimony or evidence to support your claim. If we receive your request for a hearing within 60 days from the date of our letter, we will not make any decisions until we hold the hearing and review the hearing testimony and any evidence presented.

If you want a hearing, please notify our office and we will arrange a time and place. You may bring witnesses if you want and we will include their testimony in your VA claims file. We cannot pay for expenses related to your hearing.

RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION:

You may choose to be represented, at no cost, by an accredited representative of a veterans service organization (VSO) or a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recognized State or county veterans agency. If you want one of these organizations or agencies to represent you, please let us know and we will send you a list of approved national, regional, or local organizations.

You may choose an attorney or a veterans' claims agent to represent you, but they may only charge you for service provided after the date you file a notice of disagreement. A listing of attorneys who represent veterans and their families is available on-line at <http://www.uscourts.cavc.gov>.

You may use VA Form 21-22, *Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative*, or VA Form 21-22a, *Appointment of Individual As Claimant's Representative*, to appoint one of these organizations or agencies, or an attorney or agent, to represent you. These forms are available on-line at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms> or we can mail the form to you at your request. If you have already appointed a representative, you do not need to do anything further.