

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Eligibility for Legal Assistance - Disabled Veterans

1. Purpose. To provide information regarding eligibility of Disabled Veterans for legal assistance services.
2. Individuals who have been honorably discharged from the US Armed Forces and have received a 100% disabled rating from the Veterans Administration are eligible for a "DAV" ID card (AR 600-8-14, Paragraph 24-2).
3. The DAV ID card is issued at military ID card offices and resembles family member ID cards, but contains the identifier "DAV." Individuals issued a DAV ID card are eligible for "commissary, exchange, and MWR privileges only" (AR 600-8-14, Paragraph 24.2). The language of this regulation is explicit in its authorized activities and does **not** include legal assistance.
4. Former service members who have retired after at least 20 years of service or who have been medically retired are authorized a Retired ID and are eligible to utilize legal assistance (10 U.S.C. 1044 and AR 27-3). DAV ID cardholders, however, are **not** eligible for legal assistance under any statute or regulation.
5. DAV ID cardholders may seek legal assistance through the following venues:

Disclaimer: Listing these resources does not constitute an endorsement by the US Army or Department of Defense.

- a. Veterans Administration: Some VA facilities host non-VA legal service providers that can assist Veterans free of charge.
- b. American Bar Association (ABA): The [ABA Military and Veterans Legal Center](#) provides information and programs focused on legal services for Veterans and their families. The [ABA Military Pro Bono Project](#) provides information and resources for Veterans.
- c. Contact a legal service clinic listed at [StatesideLegal](#).
- d. Contact your local VA VJO ([Veterans Justice Outreach](#)) Specialist who may know of community resources for legal assistance.