

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Disabled Veterans Legal Assistance

1. Purpose. To provide information regarding the unavailability of client services for Disabled Veterans at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.
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. Contact a legal service clinic listed at [www.statesidelegal.org](http://www.statesidelegal.org) or [www.veteranslegalcheckup.com](http://www.veteranslegalcheckup.com).
  - c. Contact your local VA VJO (Veterans Justice Outreach) Specialist who may know of community resources for legal assistance.
  - d. The American Bar Association has a list of Pro Bono Resources for Veterans listed by state at:  
[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/committees/veterans\\_benefits/pro\\_bono\\_resources\\_for\\_veterans.html](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/committees/veterans_benefits/pro_bono_resources_for_veterans.html).