

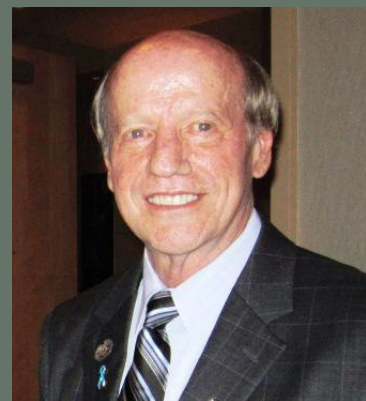
Prostate Cancer Tips & Advice to Help our “Band of Brothers”

Who Served Together in the Military and Now Share Prostate Cancer Survivorship.

Disclaimer: Please note that this information is shared by Bob as peer-to-peer information with the intent to help make veterans aware of some of the benefits that could be available to them through the Veterans Administration. Tips and advice may not be completely accurate. Veterans interested in learning more must contact the Veterans Administration for comprehensive, accurate, detailed information.

- If a prostate cancer diagnosis is the result of military service the veteran may apply for a disability rating from the VA. If the disability rating is more than 50%, he may receive treatment at the VA at no cost.
- The VA will accept a diagnosis of prostate cancer from a board certified urologist or oncologist. The treating civilian doctor will need to send a letter confirming the diagnosis to the VA.
- The VA may provide any veteran with a free Agent Orange evaluation.
- If diagnosed with prostate cancer, a service connected Vietnam veteran may receive assistance for complete disability for six months. If there has been no treatment at that point, the rating may be decreased.
- Veterans who can go on active surveillance and are VA eligible for compensation will not have it reduced as long as they are on active surveillance.
- Veterans prefer the terminology “Post Traumatic Stress” (PTS) rather than Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as there is a stigma associated with the “disorder” diagnosis. PTS may qualify as a disability and prostate cancer can exacerbate PTS in a veteran.
- If a veteran is receiving his care at the VA and has a disability rating of 50% or greater, all of his care can be provided by the VA at no cost. In addition, he can get his male incontinence pads (Guards by Depends) free if prescribed by his VA primary care physician.
- A Veteran can file for VA benefits and disability via the VA, State Veteran Associations, or Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Assistance is available through the DAV to help with the application process and completion of paper work. It takes an average of six months to process a claim but payment may begin from the time of claim application. If a claim is denied a veteran can appeal the claim.
- A veteran who is 100% disabled usually pays no property taxes and disability compensation from the VA is tax-free along with many other benefits available to eligible veterans.
- Eligible veterans should get a 2.9% increase in their disability check in January 2019 (tax free and adjusted up any time cost of living increases). This also applies to Social Security.

**For more information, visit
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