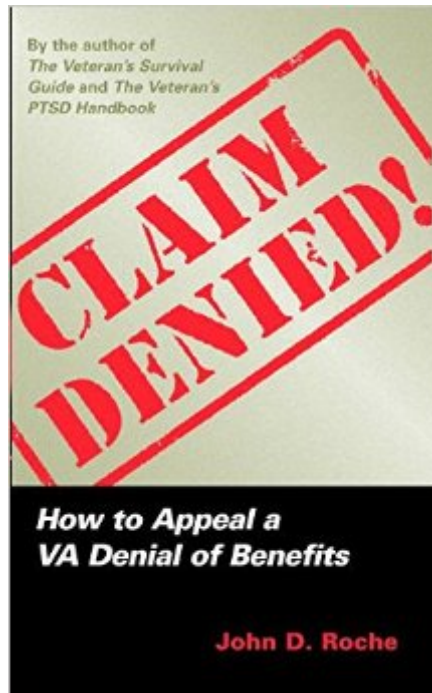


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# Claim Denied!: How To Appeal A VA Denial Of Benefits



## Synopsis

“The VA is not your loving Uncle Sam who opens his wallet and says, ‘Here you are, nephew’ a \$1,000 check per month for the rest of your life. That should take the pain out of your service injuries,” writes John D. Roche. Far from it, he reveals. Though the Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000 requires Veterans Affairs to assist veterans in developing the foundation to support their claims, in reality if you rely on the VA to find and develop the evidence necessary to grant benefits then your claim is likely to be denied. Claim Denied! will help those veterans whose benefits have been denied correct the mistakes they made when they submitted their original claims. Appealing a VA decision is not an impossible feat, Roche says, but a veteran’s story must be presented in a well-organized and logical format, so any reviewing authority is able to understand the issues as they relate to the laws. This book explains in detail how to develop and present a successful appeal.

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Book is well written and does in fact provide veterans with accurate information dealing with claims being denied. This author has written other books which talk about veterans benefits and VA claims processes which I have found to be extremely useful. I am a service officer for the VFW and American Legion so I frequently refer to his books for information. This causes me to look at other sources for information as well which results in me doing research that I use to assist my fellow vets with proper preparation of a claim before it is sent to the VA. Everything I do is absolutely free and the info in this author’s books have aided me in becoming a better service officer. I recommend this

book and his other ones for every veteran.

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To all vets who are in a battle with the VA over your benefits this is the go to book with all the answers. I wish I had this book 15 years ago and avoided a lot of mistakes in my claims and appeals. This is a must read for Veterans.

Virtually any veteran who has gone up against the VA's Claim Adjudication system has found to his or her dismay that, contrary to what the VA's mission is supposed to do, it is definitely NOT functioning in favor of the vet. The system is adversarial and often downright nasty, and often seems geared to outwait the veteran's lifespan before granting any amount of money or access to medical care. A guide to step-by-step battle against them is extremely helpful, and this book deals with only one aspect of a process that can overwhelm a sick or troubled vet. The author has a series of books dealing with various steps, and they are all good. One troubling aspect, however, is the concentration of combat as the only source of PTSD, and the total failure of the author to even mention women vets. Often, women vets suffer from other trauma sources, which may or may not include combat. Some male vets as well suffer trauma leading to PTSD from non-combat related sources, and the author should acknowledge these facts and adjust his books accordingly.

Takes the novice through the steps one at a time. However, the time factor for the appeal to the end stage is not revealed. Reality, a year or two to fruition.

I read this book and took notes a year before leaving the AF and it was WONDERFUL. I prepared my own claim and succeeded. I found out quick that VA representatives are just thatâ |they represent the VA and not so much those that served. Do yourself a favor, read it, take notes, and prepare your own claim. THEN get it reviewed by a VA representative. No one will take care of you than you. ALWAYS GET A COPY OF YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS BEFORE THEY CLAIM THEM AS LOST! You need those to follow the advice in this book.

There have been only two books that dealt directly with how to file a VA disability claim, both by John D. Roche: *Claim Denied!* and *The Veteran's Survival Guide: How to File and Collect on VA Claims*, Second Edition. Sadly, Mr. Roche's books are at least five years old and will never be updated, due to his death in 2012. Plus, there are many new laws, rules and regulations that render some of Mr. Roche's advice ineffective. I have been in the VA healthcare and benefits systems for nearly 20 years and have been through the entire VA disability claims process, except to the Supreme Court. My own experiences have led me to author the upcoming book, *VA DISABILITY CLAIM: A Practical, Step-By-Step Field Manual for Active-Duty Service Members and Veterans on How to Prepare, File, Maintain, Win and Appeal a Service-Connected VA Disability Claim Without Going Insane*. This upcoming field manual will be published by Adagio Press on 01 August 2014. Mr. Roche's books still have some good material, but a lot of it is now outdated and not useful. It's time for newer books and field manuals to step up and take the reins, because service members and veterans nowadays have less time and patience than before and are not likely to wade through a lengthy book on the subject of VA disability claims and appeals. It must be a short, clear, concise field manual with concrete steps to take now.

A book that every VET should have when it comes the time to battle with the VA and DoD.

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