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The Department Service Officer team wanted to reach out to all comrades, Auxiliary members and especially post service officers with information that can assist all.

- **PACT Act specifics**
- **VBA Claims form changes**
- **Future training**

Since the PACT Act was set in motion on 08/10/2022 there has been a lot of confusion amongst veterans on what conditions are related to their service specifically. It is important that you exercise your attention to detail when it says that a specific list of contentions ONLY applies to either Vietnam era veterans or Gulf War era veterans. It seems like the ones that are commonly confused are respiratory related. Sleep Apnea IS NOT a presumptive condition of either or any era at all. Asthma, Rhinitis and Sinusitis are related to the Gulf War and NOT Vietnam. Another missed detail is that Melanoma is a Gulf War presumptive and the one for Vietnam is Multiple Myeloma. Finally, Hypertension is only a presumptive of Vietnam. Be sure you pay attention to detail to what is, and what is not connected and remember to call the Department Service Office at (480) 702-0680 with any questions.

The Veterans Benefits Administration has updated 3 commonly used forms recently and have been refusing to process the older forms submitted. For new forms, visit www.va.gov/find-forms The forms are listed below:

21-526EZ – Basic claim for Disability

21P-534EZ – Dependents and Indemnity Compensation (Survivors Benefits)

21-686C – Adding of Dependents

The next scheduled National Veterans Services training is the Proficiency Conference held the week of 04/17 – 04/21/2023. The Department has seen fit that we conduct Post Service Officer training on 04/26 and 04/27/2023. The first day will be in the Phoenix area and the second will be in the Tucson area. Training on both days will be from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Notification will be sent out once the two locations have been finalized. Please contact the Department Service office any time a Post Service Officer would like one on one training at the Department Headquarters.

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