### **RESOURCES**

## **DISCHARGE UPGRADES AND CHARACTER OF SERVICE DETERMINATION**

## **LEGAL/VSO ASSISTANCE: LOCAL**

- Legal Aid of Southeastern PA Veterans Advocacy Project <a href="https://www.lasp.org/veterans">https://www.lasp.org/veterans</a>
   <a href="https://www.lasp.org/veterans">610-283-0884</a>
   <a href="https://www.lasp.org/veterans">(Bucks, Chester, Montgomery and Delaware Counties only)</a>
- Legal Services of New Jersey Veterans Legal Assistance Project (VLAP): (No DUs) <a href="https://www.lsnj.org/pdfs/vlap.pdf">https://www.lsnj.org/pdfs/vlap.pdf</a>
   1-888-576-5529
- Delaware Law School Veterans Law Clinic 302-477-2090
- Homeless Advocacy Project Philadelphia https://www.haplegal.org/
- VSOs County Offices of Veteran Affairs (OVAs) (VA Benefits and Local State Benefits)

https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Documents/Outreach-and-Reintegration/countyprint.pdf

# **LEGAL ASSISTANCE: NATIONAL**

- The Veterans Consortium: Pro Bono Program
   <a href="https://www.vetsprobono.org/dischargeupgrade/">https://www.vetsprobono.org/dischargeupgrade/</a> (Discharge Upgrades)
- National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) www.NVLSP.org

#### **HEALTHCARE RESOURCES**

- Accessing VA Health Care with an LTH Discharge Self-Help Guide: <a href="https://www.legalservicescenter.org/a-self-help-guide-for-accessing-va-health-care/">https://www.legalservicescenter.org/a-self-help-guide-for-accessing-va-health-care/</a>
- VA

https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications/hbco/hbco bas ic eligibility.asp#:~:text=You%20also%20can%20visit%20www,a.m.%20and %208%20p.m.%20ET.

## **SELF-HELP GUIDES**

- Swords to Plowshares Self-Help Guides: <a href="https://www.swords-to-plowshares.org/resources/self-help-guides">https://www.swords-to-plowshares.org/resources/self-help-guides</a> (List DU specific One and COD )
  - o COD Guide
  - Discharge Upgrade Guide
- Stateside Legal: https://www.statesidelegal.org/

## **GUIDES FOR ADVOCATES**

- Military Discharge Upgrade Legal Practice Manual (available online) https://www.americanbar.org/products/inv/book/410982321/
- NVSLSP Veterans Benefits Manual
- Top Ten Discharge Upgrade Practice Tips
  <a href="https://www2.stetson.edu/advocacy-journal/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Clausen-Miller-Gonzalves">https://www2.stetson.edu/advocacy-journal/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Clausen-Miller-Gonzalves</a> 2022.pdf

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