

Veteran Definitions

Disabled Veteran: (i) a veteran of the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; or (ii) a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

Recently Separated Veteran: any veteran during the three-year period beginning on the date of such veteran's discharge or release from active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval, or air service.

Armed Forces Service Medal Veteran: a veteran who, while serving on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service, participated in a United States military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded pursuant to Executive Order 12985.

Active Duty Wartime or Campaign Badge Veteran: a veteran who served in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service during a war, or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized under the laws administered by the Department of Defense. If you would like more information on campaigns or expeditions for which a campaign badge has been authorized, please visit: <http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/veterans-services/vet-guide/>.