



# Military Justice Guides

## Benefits by Discharge Characterization

At [Military Justice Guides](#), we help clients fight their discharge from the military and remain in the service. Our administrative separation guides and templates also assist all military members to ensure they receive the best service characterization if they are discharged.

When you are discharged from the military, the "characterization" of your service matters. Whether you receive an **Honorable, Under Honorable Conditions (General)**, or **Under Other Than Honorable Conditions (UOTHC/OTH)** characterization will determine the type and amount of benefits you can receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The chart below shows the eligibility for certain benefits based on the type of administrative discharge a member receives.

<u>VA Benefit</u>	<u>HON</u>	<u>GEN</u>	<u>UOTHC/OTH</u>
GI Bill	E	NE	NE
Disability compensation	E	E	A
Death compensation	E	E	A
Medical care	E	E	A
Dental care	E	E	A
Hospital and domiciliary care	E	E	A
Pensions to widows	E	E	A
Pensions to children	E	E	A
Burial benefits	E	E	A
Special housing	E	E	A
Vocational rehabilitation	E	E	A
Survivor's educational assistance	E	E	A
Dependency and indemnity compensation to survivors	E	E	A

HON = Honorable

GEN = General

UOTHC/OTH = Under Other Than Honorable Conditions

E = Eligible

NE = Not Eligible

A = Determined by Agency (likely not eligible)

*Please note that this list is not all-inclusive but instead represents the most common VA benefits and the most common eligibility. Discharged individuals should make every effort to obtain benefits from the VA by applying individually.*