

The Life Cycle of a VA Claim

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VA forms we see in-between

Objectives

- ▣ Standard VA forms and what they mean
- ▣ General overview of the VA claims process
- ▣ General overview of the VA Appeals process
- ▣ Questions

Standard VA Forms

- ▣ 21-0966: Intent to File
- ▣ 21-526EZ: Compensation
- ▣ 21P-527EZ: Pension
- ▣ 21P-534EZ: Survivors Benefits
- ▣ 21-0958: Notice of Disagreement
- ▣ VA Form 9: Appeals process

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Life Cycle of a claim

- ▣ Getting out of the military
- ▣ Submitting your claim
- ▣ Under review
- ▣ Gathering of Evidence
- ▣ Review of evidence
- ▣ Preparation for decision
- ▣ Pending Decision Approval

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- ▣ Preparation for Notification

- ▣ Completion

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- ▣ I disagree with my decision!!!

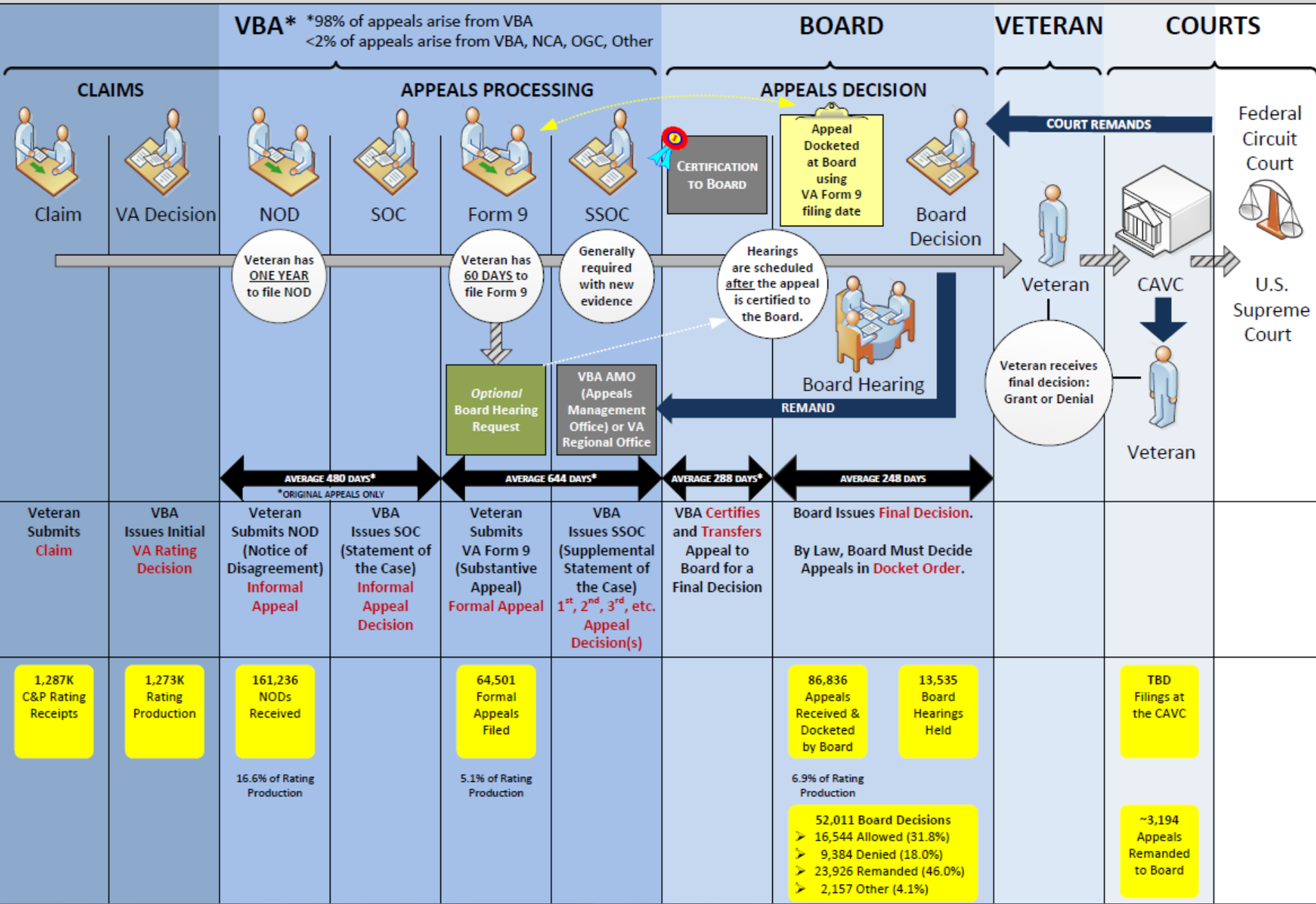
Life Cycle of an Appeal

- ▣ Submission of Notice of Disagreement
- ▣ Statement of the Case (SOC)
- ▣ VA Form 9
- ▣ Supplemental Statement of the Case (SSOC)
- ▣ VA Form 9 (if you have New and Material Evidence: repeat)
- ▣ Off to Board of Veterans Appeals

Life Cycle of an Appeal: Board of Veterans Appeals

- ▣ Your three options:
 - Travel Board
 - Teleconference
 - Trip to DC (non-reimbursable)
- ▣ De Novo Review (claim will be reviewed with new eyes)
- ▣ If required. Possible Remand (your claim gets sent back for a new examination - repeat)
- ▣ Finalized.

Life Cycle of a VA Appeal



Questions

*Ask about a really good tip to avoid having to go through the Appeal process!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

!Reconsideration!

- ▣ New and Material Evidence
- ▣ Takes months instead of years
- ▣ Have to do it within one year of your Notification