

## **NOTICE OF YOUR DUE PROCESS RIGHTS**

### **RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION:**

You may choose to be represented, at no cost, by an accredited representative of a veterans service organization or State or county veterans agency, that has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). If you want one of these organizations or agencies to represent you, please let us know and we will send you a list of them and the required form for you to submit. You may choose to be represented by an attorney or a veterans claims agent, but they may only charge you for services provided after the Board of Veterans' Appeals decides your claim. A listing of attorneys who represent veterans and their families is available on-line at [www.vetapp.gov](http://www.vetapp.gov). The forms for appointing one of these organizations or agencies, or an attorney or agent to represent you, are available on-line at [www.vba.va.gov/pubs/candpforms.htm](http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/candpforms.htm) or we can mail the form to you if you request it. If you have already appointed a representative, you do not need to do anything further.

### **RIGHT TO A HEARING:**

You may request a hearing to present testimony or evidence to support your claim. If we receive your request for a hearing within 30 days from the date of the letter attached to this notice, we will not make a final decision until after the hearing is held or until 60 days from the date of the attached letter, whichever is later. If we receive your request for a hearing more than 30 days from the date of the attached letter, we will hold the hearing but will not delay making our final decision.

If you want a hearing, please notify our office and we will arrange a time and place. You may bring witnesses if you want and their testimony will be included in your VA claims file. We cannot pay for expenses related to your hearing.