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The Honorable John Boozman
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Boozman:

This is in reply to your recent inquiry on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED] concerning concurrent receipt. Your letter was sent to this office for reply.

The President believes we owe our veterans a great debt of gratitude, particularly those serving long and faithful careers. Their service and sacrifice have protected the democratic ideals that are the foundation of our Nation, and their heroism continues to serve as an example for all Americans. We must always remember that our Nation has remained strong because of the brave men and women who were willing to fight and die for our country. By answering the call of duty and risking their lives to protect their fellow citizens, these patriots have inspired our Nation with their courage and dedication.

President Bush signed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 on November 24, 2003. It provides a ten-year phase-in of concurrent receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation for military retirees with VA disabilities rated 50 percent or greater. Those who meet the criteria of law will be paid as soon as possible. The new law also expands the Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) by removing the 60 percent disability threshold and including Reserve retirees, regardless of points. Members must apply for this program on a DD form 2860, with supporting documentation, to their respective Branch of Service. No one may receive both the concurrent receipt payment and the CRSC. Another program, Special Compensation for Severely Disabled (SCSD) retirees will be repealed because better payments are provided under the concurrent receipt provisions. The enclosed information paper is an overview of the new DoD Concurrent Receipt Programs as well as providing your constituent points of contact for additional information, if required.

We appreciate your concern for our veterans and hope this information is helpful.

Very respectfully,

Virginia S. Penrod
Colonel, USAF
Director of Compensation
(Military Personnel Policy)

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DoD Programs Addressing the Issue of Concurrent Receipt

1. Concurrent Disability Payments (CDP) - New January 2004
2. Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) - June 2003
3. Special Compensation for Severely Disabled Retirees (SCSD)
Effective October 1999, Repealed January 1, 2004

The Department of Defense (DoD) is, and has been, making extra payments to retirees to overcome some or all the offset from retired pay associated with receipt of disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Retirees cannot receive benefits simultaneously under more than one of these three programs. The programs are:

1. Concurrent Disability Payment (CDP): The FY 2004 NDAA provides a 10-year phase-out of the offset to military retired pay due to receipt of VA disability compensation for members whose combined disability rating is 50% or greater. Members retired under disability provisions (10 U.S. Code chapter 61) must have 20 years of service.

Effective January 1, 2004: Payment will be made to nearly 150,000 qualified retirees for January entitlements on February 2. Those who have significant complications in their accounts (such as former spouse divisions or retirement under chapter 61) may be delayed in payments until their account can be manually reviewed, but will be paid retroactively.

No Application: Applications for CDP are neither required nor accepted. DFAS will determine CDP benefits automatically. Retirees who do not receive payment by April 1, 2004, but believe they qualify, should contact their Military Department or DFAS to determine the reason for non-payment.

Rates: CDP is part of retired pay and cannot exceed the amount that would be otherwise offset. During CY 2004, CDP will be paid to qualified retirees up to the following maximum amount based on the current monthly VA disability rating:

100% (total)	\$750
90%	\$500
80%	\$350
70%	\$250
60%	\$125
50%	\$100

2. Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC): The CRSC program pays added benefits to retirees who receive VA disability compensation for combat-related disabilities and have 20 years of service.

Effective June 1, 2003: CRSC became effective May 31, 2003, with first benefits payable July 1 for the June entitlement. Initially, benefits were payable to members with a combined combat-related disability rating of 60% or more, or with a combined rating of 10% or more for combat-related injuries for which they were awarded a Purple Heart.

Effective January 1, 2004: Eligibility was expanded January 1, 2004, to compensate qualified retirees at any combined percentage rating for combat-related disabilities

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compensated by the VA. Eligibility criteria was also relaxed with respect to the 20 year requirement to include any member otherwise qualified who is receiving Reserve retired pay (paid at age 60 based on points for Reserve participation with 20 "good" years).

Application Required: To receive CRSC benefits, retirees must apply with their Branch of Service on a DD Form 2860. The Service will determine which disabilities, if any, qualify as combat-related. DFAS will pay CRSC based on the current combined disability rating of combat-related disabilities as compensated for the current month by VA. Benefits before January 2004 are based on the VA compensation rate for a "veteran alone" and applicable to only those disabilities determined as combat-related.

Information: Additional information is available at the following web sites.

Army: <http://www.crsc.army.mil/>

Navy & Marine Corps: <http://www.hq.navy.mil/ncpb/CRSCB/combatedrelated.htm>

Air Force: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/disability/CRSC/CRSCnew.htm>

DoD: <http://www.defenselink.mil/prhome/crsc.html>

Coast Guard: POC Lt T. Walsh CGPC (Admin-1) @ (202) 493-1732

3. Special Compensation for Severely Disabled Retirees (SCSD): The SCSD program was repealed effective January 1, 2004, and replaced with more generous benefits under the CDP program described above. Members had to have 20 years of service for the computation of retired pay. Those retired under disability retirement provisions (i.e., chapter 61, title 10, United States Code) were excluded from eligibility.

SCSD Repealed Effective January 1, 2004: No benefits are payable under SCSD for periods after December 31, 2003. SCSD became effective October 1, 1999 for qualified retirees with VA disabilities rated 70% or more within 4 years of retirement. The criteria were relaxed October 1, 2001, to include chapter 61 retirees so long as they had the required 20 years of service. Effective February 1, 2002, the criteria were again relaxed to include those with disabilities rated 60% or more within 4 years of retirement. 37,000 members were eventually compensated. Members not compensated who provide evidence of their qualifications may be retroactively compensated for any months in which they met the requirements of law.

No Application: Applications for SCSD were neither required nor accepted. Qualified members were identified and paid by DFAS using data in DoD and VA system files.

RATES - The rates applicable over various periods were as follows and based on the disability rating compensated by the VA for the month of entitlement:

VA Rating	Oct 1999	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Jan 2004
60%	N/A	\$50	\$50	Program
70%	\$100	\$100	\$100	
80%	\$100	\$100	\$125	Repealed
90%	\$200	\$200	\$225	
100% (Total)	\$300	\$300	\$325	

January 30, 2004

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Mr. Powell Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore:

Mr. Rob Rudolph, Vice President of Rockline Industries, contacted me regarding his desire to donate wet wipes to the troops in Afghanistan. I am enclosing his correspondence for your review.

I will appreciate any assistance that you can provide. Please forward your response to my Fayetteville office.

If you have any questions, you may call Joe Adams at ⁵⁰¹(479) 442-5258.

Sincerely,



John Boozman
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Dear Mr. Moore:

I write to you on behalf of my constituent, [REDACTED] who contacted my office regarding Family Separation Allowance (FSA).

[REDACTED] recently sent me the enclosed correspondence asking that the FSA be continued. Please note my interest in this matter and send your response to my Fayetteville office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



John Boozman
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Dear Mr. Moore:

I write to you on behalf of my constituent, [REDACTED], who has contacted my office regarding the disparity between active duty and reserve/national guard status.

[REDACTED] recently furnished me the enclosed correspondence. I would appreciate it if you would note my interest on his behalf and furnish me a written response.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



John Boozman
Member of Congress

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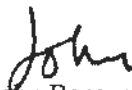
I write to you on behalf of my constituent, [REDACTED], SS# [REDACTED] who has contacted my office regarding his retirement pay and disability pay.

[REDACTED] recently furnished me the enclosed correspondence. I would appreciate it if you would look into this matter to determine if [REDACTED] will be eligible for additional pay.

I have enclosed a release authorizing my inquiry. Please note my interest on his behalf and furnish me a written response. Also, I would like for you to provide me a copy of the decision rendered.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


John Boozman
Member of Congress

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I write to you on behalf of my constituent [REDACTED], Military ID [REDACTED], who has contacted my office regarding his concurrent receipt issue.

[REDACTED] recently furnished me the enclosed correspondence. AS you can see, he was full time for over twenty years as a Reserve Program Administrator, similar to the National Guard Active Guard Reserve (AGR) or the Navy's "TAR" program. All these programs are considered similarly to active duty status, receiving health care, BX and PX privileges and immediate retirement eligibility.

I would appreciate it if you would note my interest on his behalf and furnish me a written response. I have enclosed an authorization allowing my inquiry.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



John Boozman
Member of Congress

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Dear Mr. Moore:

I write to you on behalf of many of my constituents who have contacted my office regarding redeployment of their spouses units from Iraq. As has been stated, the National Guard and Reserve units were told they would be back in November 2003. They have been here since the actually fighting war. Now they are being told it could be March or April 2004.

Please advise as to the reasons for the delayed redeployment so that I might be able to respond to them.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Moore:

I write to you on behalf of my constituent, [REDACTED], who contacted my office regarding his use of military facilities. [REDACTED] is a reservist and trains regularly. He is requesting a response to his request to be able to use U.S. Military facilities.

[REDACTED] recently furnished me the enclosed correspondence, which both allows my inquiry and provides information pertinent to his request. Please note my interest on his behalf and furnish me a written response. If you need to discuss this issue, please contact Steve Gray at: (479) 442-5258.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


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