



# U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) Assistance with Pay and Financial Benefits

### How can AW2 assist with pay and financial benefits?

AW2 Soldiers and Veterans often face a number of pay and financial benefits issues during and after their recovery. Every AW2 Advocate works directly with AW2 Soldiers, Veterans and Families to improve the accuracy and the timeliness of pay. AW2 Advocates are the first point of contact for all pay and financial benefits questions and concerns and they can work with the appropriate Army, Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) programs to resolve issues.

## How does the AW2 Advocate Support Branch (ASB) assist with pay and financial benefits?

AW2 Advocates work closely with a team of finance experts in the AW2 Advocate Support Branch. These individuals are well versed in policies and the mechanisms of Soldier and Veteran pay and benefits systems, such as <a href="Combat-Related Special Compensation">Combat-Related Special Compensation</a> (CRSC) and travel claims. To help the AW2 Advocates, the ASB created a checklist to identify issues that must be addressed to ensure a smooth transition to civilian life or continuation of

### AW2 assists with the following pay and financial benefits areas:

- Military retired pay
- MyArmyBenefits
- <u>Combat-Related Special</u>
  <u>Compensation (CRSC) and</u>
  <u>Concurrent Retirement and</u>
  Disability Pay (CRDP) claims
- Navigating VA benefits
- <u>Defense Finance and</u>
  <u>Accounting Service (DFAS)</u>
- Side by side financial estimations
- Debts
- Survivor Benefit Plan
- Travel claims

service. The ASB also trains AW2 Advocates on common pay and benefit topics.

#### What are side-by-side financial estimations?

Many retiring Soldiers do not understand how their retirement pay and financial benefits correlate with their active duty pay and financial benefits. AW2 provides a sideby-side counseling session to estimate the amount of retired pay the AW2 Soldier can expect. This helps AW2 Soldiers and Families realistically prepare for the next stage of their lives. These estimations can also be accessed on <a href="MyArmyBenefits">MyArmyBenefits</a> with a pass code provided by your AW2 Advocate.

**Learn more about AW2's Decade of Impact** <u>AW2 10th Anniversary</u>

#### Where can I find more resources?

- Soldier Pay and Benefits
- Veteran Pay and Benefits
- DoD Wounded, Ill, and Injured Compensation and Benefits Handbook
- WCT Community Support Network
- AW2 Eligibility and Enrollment
- AW2 Advocate Support
- AW2 Wounded Warrior Lifecycle