

**VETERANS' DISABILITY BENEFITS COMMISSION**  
**DRAFT ISSUE PAPERS PRESENTED BY STAFF**

**January 18-19, 2006**

The Issue Paper process was revised to breakout additional steps for revising, discussing and releasing each Issue Paper. The 8-step process is outlined on the link provided below.

[8-Step Process](#) to develop, evaluate, refine and finalize each of the Issue Papers addressing one of the topics related to the [approved research questions](#).

**- - - - - NEW ISSUE PAPERS - - - - -**

**1. (Research Question 15a) – Age As A Factor**

- **January 2007:**
  - ▶ [Initial Slide Presentation](#).

**2. (Research Question 22) – Duty To Assist**

- **January 2007:**
  - ▶ [Initial Slide Presentation](#).

**3. (Research Question 24) – Apportionment/ Garnishment**

- **January 2007:**
  - ▶ [Initial Slide Presentation](#).

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**5. (Research Question 13) - Line of Duty**

- **September 2006:** [Initial Slide Presentation](#).
- **October 2006:** Continued discussion on the topic; [updated slides](#) presented.
- **November 2006:** Agency (VA/DoD) technical review and comments on the Issue Paper requested.
- **January 2007:** Received comments from public and VSOs.

**6. (Research Question 21) - Concurrent Receipt**

- **September 2006:** [Initial Slide Presentation.](#)
- **October 2006:** Continued discussion on the topic; [updated slides](#) presented.
- **November 2006:** Agency (VA/DoD) technical review and comments on the Issue Paper requested.
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## 7. (Research Question 21) – Survivor Concurrent Receipt

- **November 2006:** [Initial Slide Presentation.](#)
- **January 2007:** Agency (VA/DoD) technical review and comments on the Issue Paper requested.

## 8. (Research Questions 23) - Character of Discharge

- **October 2006:** [Initial Slide Presentation.](#)
- **November 2006:** Agency (VA/DoD) technical review and comments on the Issue Paper requested.
- **January 2007:** Received comments from public and VSOs.

## 9. (Research Question 18) – Time Limit To File

- **November 2006:** [Initial Slide Presentation.](#)
- **January 2007:** Agency (VA/DoD) technical review and comments on the Issue Paper requested.

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- Testimony
- Comments
- Written statements, or
- Other forms of written or verbal feedback to the Commission.

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