

VETERANS' DISABILITY BENEFITS COMMISSION DRAFT ISSUE PAPERS/REPORT PRESENTED

OCTOBER 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](#).

Lump Sum Alternatives for Compensating Veterans with Disabilities (Research Question 10)

- **September 2006:** [Initial presentation](#)
The draft CNA [Report on Lump Sum Alternatives to Current Veterans' Disability Compensation](#) was presented by CNA to the Commission at its September 2006 meeting.
- **October 2006:** Public Comment and interim decision reached
 - ▶ Mr. Joseph A. Violante presented a [joint statement](#) on behalf of the Air Force Sergeants Association, The American Legion, AMVETS, the Blinded Veterans Association, the Disabled American Veterans, the Fleet Reserve Association, the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, the Military Officers Association of America, the National Association for the Uniformed Services, the Non Commissioned Officers Association, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
 - ▶ The Commission voted unanimously (13-0) **NOT** to recommend lump sum payments as an option for compensating veterans with disabilities.
- **January 2007:** An Issue Paper will be developed by staff to reflect the research and the Commission's discussion and decision on this topic.

Line of Duty (Research Question 13)

- **September 2006:** [Initial presentation](#)
- **October 2006:** Continued discussion on the topic; [updated slides](#) presented.

Line of Duty (Research Question 13) - continued

- **November 2006**: Anticipate that the Commissioners will release the document for posting on the public website and dissemination to stakeholders.
- **January 2007**: Comments due for discussion at the January 2007 Commission meeting.

Concurrent Receipt (Research Question 21)

- **September 2006**: [Initial presentation](#)
- **October 2006**: Continued discussion on the topic; [updated slides](#) presented.
- **November 2006**: Anticipate that the Commissioners will release the document for posting on the public website and dissemination to stakeholders.
- **January 2007**: Comments due for discussion at the January 2007 Commission meeting.

Character of Discharge (Research Questions 23)

- **October 2006**: [Initial presentation](#)
- **November 2006**: Anticipate that the Commissioners will release the document for posting on the public website and dissemination to stakeholders.
- **January 2007**: Comments due for discussion at the January 2007 Commission meeting.

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- Testimony
- Comments
- Written statements, or
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