



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

Hampton Roads Benefits & Survivor Assistance

Meeting with a DVS Veterans Service Officer

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT

Bring as much of the following as you have. **Do not delay making an appointment simply because you don't have everything.**

- ☐ Veteran's DD-214 or other discharge document
- ☐ Veteran's VA disability-rating/decision letters
- ☐ Veteran's VA claim information, if available
- ☐ Death certificate
- ☐ Marriage certificate
- ☐ Survivor's government-issued identification
- ☐ Information about the Veteran's service-connected conditions
- ☐ VA correspondence and claim/appeal paperwork
- ☐ Information about any pending VA claims
- ☐ Funeral and burial expense information, if applicable
- ☐ Social Security information, if applicable
- ☐ Income/financial information if Survivors Pension may be relevant

A SIMPLE WAY TO START

When calling the DVS office, tell the representative:

"I am a surviving spouse of a Veteran and would like a complete review of the federal and Virginia benefits that may be available to me following my spouse's death."

Ask specifically for assistance reviewing **DIC, Survivors Pension, accrued benefits, burial benefits, CHAMPVA, education benefits, and any Virginia survivor benefits** that may apply.