

**TITLE 38 DEFINITIONS**

**Chapter 4211(1): The term “special disabled veteran” means—**

- (A) a veteran who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary for a disability
  - (i) rated at 30 percent or more, or
  - (ii) rated at 10 or 20 percent in the case of a veteran who has been determined under section 3106 of this title to have a serious employment handicap; or
- (B) a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of service-connected disability.

**Chapter 4211(3): The term “disabled veteran” means—**

- (A) a veteran who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary, or
- (B) a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

**Chapter 4211(4): The term “eligible veteran” means a person who—**

- (A) served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days and was discharged or released therefrom with other than a dishonorable discharge;
- (B) was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability;
- (C) as a member of a reserve component under an order to active duty pursuant to section 12301 (a), (d), or (g), 12302, or 12304 of title 10, served on active duty during a period of war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge is authorized and was discharged or released from such duty with other than a dishonorable discharge; or
- (D) was discharged or released from active duty by reason of a sole survivor-ship discharge (as that term is defined in section 1174 (i) of title 10).

**Chapter 4101(5): The term “eligible person” means —**

- (A) the spouse of any person who died of a service-connected disability,
- (B) the spouse of any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for assistance under this chapter, is listed, pursuant to section 556 of title 37 and regulations issued thereunder, by the Secretary concerned in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than ninety days:
  - (i) missing in action,
  - (ii) captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or
  - (iii) forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power, or
- (C) the spouse of any person who has a total disability permanent in nature resulting from a service-connected disability or the spouse of a veteran who died while a disability so evaluated was in existence.