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# Considering a BVA Hearing?

## *Choose a Video Hearing!*

### What is a Video Hearing?

- ❑ A Video Hearing is one of the three types of hearings offered by the Board of Veterans' Appeals.
- ❑ Video Hearings are just like in-person hearings, except that you and the Veterans Law Judge will speak to one another from different locations.
- ❑ A Video Hearing uses cutting-edge audio and visual equipment that will allow you and the Judge to see and hear each other, and will make you feel like you are talking face to face.

### How Does a Video Hearing Work?

- ❑ Your VA Regional Office will contact you to schedule your appearance and inform you of the date, time, and place of your hearing.
- ❑ You report to your hearing with a representative and/or witnesses, and you may submit any additional evidence you wish.
- ❑ The VA Regional facility hosting your hearing will use state-of-the-art equipment to connect a video and audio feed to a Board Veterans Law Judge in Washington, DC.

### Why select a Video Hearing?

#### **Increased Convenience!!**

Hearings with the Board of Veterans' Appeals are entirely optional - you are not required to attend a Board hearing. If you do desire a hearing with a Veterans Law Judge, there are a number of advantages to choosing a Video Hearing, as opposed to an in-person hearing, including the following:

- ✓ **Shorter Wait Time** – Video Hearings can be scheduled and held sooner than in-person Travel Board hearings, meaning that your appeal will be decided faster.
- ✓ **More Locations** – Video Hearings are offered at more than 65 locations across the country, which means that the time you spend traveling to the facility hosting the hearing may be reduced.
- ✓ **State-of-the-art Equipment** – New high-definition equipment provides crisp and clear audio and visual feeds that allow you to feel as though you are in the same room with the Veterans Law Judge.
- ✓ **Same Grant Rate** – Statistically, Video Hearings have been shown to have the same grant rate as in-person hearings.
- ✓ **Successful Process!!**

**Interested in a Video Hearing?**  
**Contact your VA Regional Office today!**