

- 10.0432. Provide for noneconomic aspects of disability in the Rating Schedule: LT 224 (AMVETS) BT 102.
- 10.0436. Provide special consideration for shortened life expectancy for the totally disabled: LT 300 (DAV).
- 10.0440. Consider the Rating Schedule as providing principles but not arbitrary rules: OT 578.
- 10.0444. Apply and interpret the Rating Schedule liberally: AT 119 (DAV).
- 10.0448. Direct primary concern to the totally disabled veteran: PT 103 (AMVETS).
- 10.0452. Revise the Rating Schedule to eliminate discrimination: BT 116 (VFW).
- 10.0456. Apply flexibility in borderline cases in keeping with the intent (but not letter) of the law: PT 152 (AL).
- 10.0460. Remind VA personnel (through the Administrator) that borderline cases should be resolved in the veteran's favor: AT 302 (AL).
- 10.0464. Provide the veteran the benefit of the doubt in all questions of service connection: ST 237.
- 10.0468. Reexamine VA procedures in cases where service evidence does not disclose treatment of a disability: BT 302 (DAV).
- 10.0472. Interpret liberally and accord more weight to "Buddy" statements: OT 350 (DAV); DC2T 193 (AMVETS); AT 322 (AL); AT 519 (VFW).
- 10.0476. Amend the regulations and Rating Schedule to clarify the "Time, place and circumstances" factor of 38 USC 354, and to define VA responsibility in obtaining official records of treatment alleged: AT 458.
- 10.0480. Liberalize continuity of disability requirements for purposes of service connection: AT 322 (AL).
- 10.0484. Determine conditions treated in service to be service connected regardless of continuity: AT 459.
- 10.0488. Waive need for veteran to provide medical evidence to show probability of a valid claim: AT 38 (DAV).
- 10.0492. Permit more latitude in service connection for POWs: PT 396 (AL); PT 404 (AL).

*Presumptions of service connection*

- 10.0604. Presume deaths of ex-POWs to be service connected: ST 222 (MOPH); AT 521 (VFW); AT 535 (VFW).
- 10.0608. Presume deaths of ex-POWs from chronic diseases to be service connected: OT 509 (AL).
- 10.0612. Presume deaths of those who served on active duty for 30 years to be service connected: DCT 614 (AL).
- 10.0616. Presume deaths of those retired from service for longevity to be service connected: AT 295 (AL).
- 10.0620. Presume deaths from pathological or organic conditions, not involving misconduct, of those serving on active duty for 20 years or more to be service connected: AT 457.
- 10.0624. Presume deaths of disability retirees of the military to be service connected: DCT 488 and 498 (FRA).