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HISTORY OF WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE FOR AMERICA MEMORIAL ANNIVERSARY

When we think of the armed forces, it is natural to think of men fighting to save the country. However, the fact is that for generations, many strong and courageous women have also sacrificed their lives for their countrymen. Initially, women were found as nurses or cooks in war camps, but later, they too became a part of the combat. Believe it or not, women in the U.S have been a part of the armed forces since 1917, and several ladies lost their lives without their efforts being recognized by the world. Some even had to fight disguised as men besides their husbands in the American Revolutionary War.

In 1997, a memorial was erected for them by the U.S government, and it is popularly known as the Military Women's Memorial. The space honors military women who died in service and contains a Hemicycle structure that was built in 1932. The structure, however, remained in a bad condition till Congress gave the order of building a memorial around it in 1988. This decision was followed by a design competition which was thrown to the public and won by Marion Weiss and Michael Manfredi who were architects from New York.

Although the initial design of the memorial became an open secret which resulted in controversies and a revision of the design. In the end, an intriguing structure with a mixture of Neoclassical and Modern architecture was built for the brave women who lay in the memorial.

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VFW Post 8555 Spotlight



VA Disability 5 Year Rule Explained: When Can the VA Reevaluate My Disability Rating?

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What is the VA 5 year rule?

The VA 5 year rule allows the VA to reevaluate your existing VA disability rating within 5 years of your initial examination, if and only if, your disability condition is expected to show material improvement over time.

However, the VA may still reevaluate your disability rating past the 5 year deadline if your condition has significantly improved, as shown by medical evidence.

What is the VA 10 year rule?

The VA 10 year rule means the VA cannot eliminate a rating that's been in place for 10 years or more.

However, the rating can be reduced if medical evidence shows that the disability has improved.

There is always an exception to this rule if the VA determines that the original disability rating was based on fraud.

What is the VA 20 year rule?

The VA 20 year rule means if your rating has been in effect for 20 years or more, the VA cannot reduce it below the lowest rating it has held for the previous 20 years. Again, the only exception to this rule is if the VA can prove fraud.

Can the VA reduce a Permanent and Total rating?

No, the VA cannot reduce a [Permanent and Total VA rating](#) unless the original disability rating was based on fraud.

The major benefit of being deemed both "Permanent and Total" or 100% P&T is that your VA rating is protected from a future rating reduction.

<https://vaclaimsinsider.com/va-disability-5-year-rule-explained/>

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Last appointment 3:45 PM
(Closed for all Wilson County Holidays)

September 2022

October 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 VPR—VJ Day	3
4	5	6	7 Food Distribution (0745)	8	9	10
11 VPR— Patriot's Day	12 VFW Meeting	13	14	15	16 VPR— POW/MIA Recognition Day	17
18 Air Force Birthday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 VPR— VFW Birthday	30	1

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November 2022						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5 Food Distribution (0745)	6 6-8 Oct Annual Floresville Peanut Festival	7	8
9 VPR—Start of OEF	10 VFW Meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 VPR—Women in Military Service	19	20	21	22
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