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Are you a service-disabled vet? Did you know there may be VA life insurance available, under some conditions, for you? Read on. There is something called Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI), it's life insurance for vets who have received a service-connected disability rating from the VA. You are eligible if:

1. You separated from active duty on or after April 25, 1951, with an other than dishonorable discharge; and
2. You have received a service-connected rating of at least 0%; and
3. You apply within TWO YEARS from the date of your rating. A new period of eligibility begins after the approval of each NEW service-connected disability rating, BUT, an increase in the level of an EXISTING disability DOES NOT provide new eligibility.

This insurance provides a maximum of \$10,000 of coverage. If you are a severely disabled vet, under the age of 70, and you fall within the 3 eligibility criteria above, please give me a call.

Have you heard about the Minnesota Military Appreciation Fund (MMAF)? I'll tell you what I know about it, which isn't much, but it might be worthwhile for some of y'all to hear more about it.

This fund is set up to allow qualified MN military personnel, or their families, to apply for cash grants. The grants represent the state's appreciation for a veteran's service and are not based solely upon need. Some of the rules are: The military member, a MN taxpayer, must have honorably served in a combat zone since 11 Sep 01. The grant amounts will vary from about \$250 to much more for those who were wounded or KIA. For more info go to this website: <http://thankmntroops.org>, or call 1-877-668-4269 and ask for an application.

Need to make an appointment at the Fargo VA Medical Center? **DON'T LOSE THIS NUMBER!** Call: 1-800-410-9723, EXT. 2681. Want to talk to someone at Grafton? Call: 1-701-352-4059.

Well, that's about it for this one; I'm keeping it short, like my hair. I ask again, if you have a special subject you'd like to know more about, or something you think your friends and neighbors would want info on, give me a call and tell me! If I don't get some input from y'all, I may need to resort to repeating false internet stories in this column, so come on, talk to me!

Over and out.

