

## **Think Your Claim is Taking Too Long?**

The average time for a claim (not an appeal) from start to finish is currently 107.5 days for a Fully Developed Claim where you file all your evidence with your claim to 134.3 days where you have non-Federal records or submit evidence or claims after the initial filing (standard claim).

Most veterans who have seen this process over time will tell you that this is immensely better than just 2 or 3 years ago when claims could take years just to get to the point where you have a Compensation and Pension Exam (C&P Exam) much less a decision.

These are AVERAGE times, and some are decided in weeks, and some take much longer, all usually based on the quality of evidence you have to support your claim.

Appeals are averaging about 1-2 years which is much better than a few years ago when appeals were averaging 5-7 years.

While I am sure you feel your claim is of the highest priority to you, please understand you are in line. A very long line.

If you are 85 or older (in appeal...75 or older), homeless, in danger of homelessness, or have a terminal illness, FPOW, a Purple Heart or Medal of Honor recipient or have ALS please file a VBA Form 20-10207 for expedited processing.