

WV Veterans' Benefits Attorney Says Military Is Taking Right Approach To Head Injuries

New policy that pulls soldiers out of action after they are exposed to blasts shows that the military is giving proper attention to serious and potentially disabling head and brain injuries, says West Virginia Veterans' benefits lawyer Jan Dils.

Parkersburg, West Virginia (PRWeb) November 10, 2010 – It is encouraging to see the military taking steps to prevent potentially disabling injuries to soldiers who are currently in service, [West Virginia Veterans' benefits attorney](#) Jan Dils says.

According to a recent USA Today report, the U.S. military has adopted a policy to pull from the battlefield any soldier caught within roughly 50 yards of a blast, including those in vehicles and buildings, so those troops can be examined for signs of head and brain injuries.

“Among the leading causes of long-term disability among Veterans are head and brain injuries, such as a concussion or multiple concussions that lead to traumatic brain injury,” says Dils, whose law firm, Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, L.C., assists Veterans in collecting disability benefits.

“I think our military leaders should be applauded for taking on this policy, which gives proper attention to the seriousness of head and brain injuries,” she says. “We should keep in mind that many Veterans might have been spared permanent brain damage if this policy had been in place when they bravely served our country.”

The goal of the Pentagon's new policy is to prevent soldiers from suffering traumatic brain injury (TBI) that may result from suffering a second concussion before the first one is healed, USA Today reports. Soldiers exposed to a blast must be sidelined for at least 24 hours and may end up being examined for weeks or months before being allowed back into combat action.

[Traumatic brain injury \(TBI\)](#) can be caused by bullets, explosions, falls, motor vehicle crashes and assaults. The widespread use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Iraq and Afghanistan, such as roadside bombs, increases the likelihood that military personnel may be exposed to blasts that could cause traumatic brain injury.

Veterans with TBI may experience physical symptoms, such as headaches, dizziness, anxiety, irritability, difficulty concentrating and sleep disturbances. Mild traumatic brain injuries can have lasting effects on veterans' ability to return to work.

If a Veteran suffers from a service-connected disability, such as TBI, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or injuries caused by exposure to chemicals such as Agent Orange or other herbicides, the Veteran may be eligible to receive tax-free monthly payments, or [disability compensation](#). A Veterans' benefits attorney can assist in the claims process, according to Dils.

“We believe Veterans with disabilities deserve all of the benefits offered by a grateful nation,” Dils says.

About Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, L.C.

[Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, L.C.](#), focuses exclusively on helping individuals with disabilities get the financial help they deserve from the government by seeking benefits from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the Social Security Administration. The firm features West Virginia offices in Charleston, Parkersburg, Huntington, Logan and Beckley and one office in Charlotte, North Carolina. To learn more about Veterans’ benefits and Social Security disability benefits, contact the firm by calling (877) 838-3726 or using its [online form](#).