

## *Veterans With a VA Compensation Rating of 100% P&T May Receive Expedited Processing*



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Starting March 17, 2014, veterans who have a VA compensation rating of 100% permanent and total (P&T) may receive expedited processing of applications for Social Security disability benefits.

### **What do I need to know about the VA and Social Security programs?**

Both Social Security and VA pay disability benefits. However, their programs, processes, and criteria for receiving benefits are very different.

A VA compensation rating of 100% Permanent and Total does not guarantee that you will receive Social Security disability benefits. To be approved for Social Security benefits, you must meet Social Security's definition of "disability." To be found disabled:

- You must be unable to do substantial work because of your medical condition(s); and
- Your medical condition(s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least one year or to result in death.

If you receive VA compensation, this will not affect your Social Security benefits.

**For instructions on how to receive expedited processing for Social Security disability benefits, click [here](#).**

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## *What's New With Me and My Own* Rami Khaki

It is an exciting month in the Khaki household. My son, Rami, turns 2 this month, and he has officially perfected his ABC's. He's got it down pat from beginning to end. We may eventually grow tired of hearing it, but for now, it's better than the most beautiful music.



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## *Tip of the Month: Keep a Pocket Calendar for Medical Appointments*

The Social Security Administration checks on your medical treatment history multiple times throughout the claims process. Many SSA claimants, who are already dealing with a lot of pain and sometimes even memory loss, find it challenging to have to recall specific dates. We find it helpful to advise our clients to carry a pocket calendar for their medical appointments. They can use this calendar to not the doctor they saw, the date of treatment, and outcome. This way, our clients find it a lot less intimidating when asked to recall their recent medical treatment history. I propose this may be a good idea for all of us, even those not applying for disability. This way you can always keep an accurate history of your health.

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## *Focus on the Good Stuff: Happy Father's Day*

With the Khaki Law Firm focused on your Social Security Disability and SSI case, we hope you had time to focus on your family on Father's Day this year!

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## *Calendar of Events:*

### **June 2014**

June 19th: In Court, Chattanooga, TN

June 20th: Veteran's with a View morning radio show, 9:30 am -

Sara is a guest speaker

- Rami Khaki, Sara's son, turns 2 - Happy Birthday!

June 23rd: In Court, Rome, GA

June 24th: In Court, Atlanta, GA



## *Administrative Announcements*

### **New Employee:**

The Khaki Law Firm has recently hired a new paralegal assistant with almost 7 years exclusive Social Security Disability Law experience: Patrice Callahan. Patrice has been married to a wonderful chef, Patrick Dwayne Callahan, since November 2008. The two live in Atlanta, GA where Patrice has her roots. She was born and raised in Atlanta (a true Southern belle) and graduated from GSU. She has two daughters. Alissa is 7 years old and Ava will be 4 years old in July. Patrice loves attending church at Covington and volunteers with the preschool Sunday School. Movies are one of Patrice's favorite pass times especially horror, chick clicks and musicals. She also loves spending time with her family and adores patriotic holidays. Fireworks are one of her all time favorite loves. You can often find her at wine and cheese tastings. Her main hobby at the moment is developing some fantastic entrepreneurial ideas with an end goal of landing on "Shark Tank" in the near future. We are excited to have Patrice join our team as we know she shares our passion to give effective legal and personal care to our clients. Stay tuned for updates on her progress.

### **New Location:**

The Khaki Law Firm will be opening a new office space at 3562 Old Milton Parkway in Alpharetta, Georgia 30005. The new office will become the main office, but we will continue meeting clients in the Buckhead and Marietta area out of our remote office locations.

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