

Can I Work While Receiving Social Security Disability Benefits?

We often find that many of our clients really struggle with the feeling that they have lost their productivity and ability to earn an income while being on disability. Most people have worked their entire lives and to find they can no longer do so is emotionally challenging and draining. They want to work, but their disabilities have drastically affected what they can do. Many feel that they can work some and often ask us if they can work part time while receiving benefits.



We are not one to discourage people from working. In fact, the Social Security Administration (SSA) does allow claimants to work part time hours and earn up to \$1,070/month (this is the limit set for non-blind individuals for the year of 2014). However, there are several factors claimants should consider before working part time. First and foremost, it's important to really consider your health and the toll

working may take on you. It's hard to believe we cannot do something that we were once able to do so easily, and it's even harder to accept. However, your health is what is most important. Second, the SSA has very strict rules and guidelines, and it's important to be familiar with them before starting a part time position.

If you earn more than \$1,070/month while receiving benefits within the year of 2014, you will be disqualified from receiving Social Security Disability (this amount adjusts each year as the cost of living adjusts with inflation). In addition, the SSA will require you to

reimburse them for the month(s) you made too much money. They will red flag your benefits for a case review once they see earned income coming in. You also have to be careful about the type of part time work you engage in. For instance, if an individual is doing part time work that requires quite a bit of physical exertion, then the SSA will question if that individual can perhaps do a less physically demanding job at a full time rate.

These are just a few points on how working can affect your disability benefits. Because there are many parameters and caveats, we encourage all our clients to contact our firm prior to engaging in any sort of work either during the disability application process or once they have been awarded disability benefits.

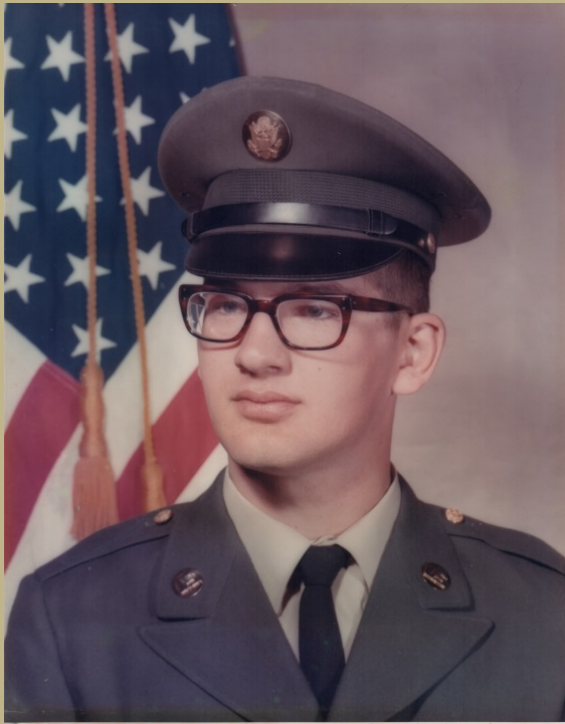
Happy Thanksgiving To You All!

This is the season for giving thanks; thanks for the important people in our lives and the many blessings we have received. We are thankful for our clients who give us a chance to do what we love and help them through a very difficult part of their lives. We thank them for their patience, cooperation, and trust in us during this trying time. Our thoughts are with all of our clients who are dealing with challenging times both medically and financially through these holidays.



The History of Veteran's Day

November 11



Tim Elmore (Army)

Did you know that Veteran's Day was originally Armistice Day and was proclaimed as such in 1919 by President Wilson in remembrance of when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the United Nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 during World War I. To quote President Wilson, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and

justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1938, Armistice Day was made a legal holiday, and in 1954, at the urging of veteran service organizations, was amended to be called Veterans Day in remembrance of American veterans of all wars. For a short time starting in 1971, the holiday was moved to a Monday in order to encourage three day weekends and increase tourism and recreation spending. It became quite apparent that the historical significance was too important, and so it was moved back to November 11 in 1978. Now it continues to be observed on November 11 regardless of what day of the week it falls and serves as a reminder to celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism and sacrifice.

We love our Veterans and truly appreciate all they have done and given up in order for us to have the freedoms and privileges that we have today. We are honored to work with many Veterans and help them obtain the benefits they need and deserve. Each story is truly amazing, and we are privileged to provide our services and help in some small way. Take a moment today and thank a Veteran for their service!



Administrative Announcement:
Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to our Attorney, Sara Khaki!
Her special day was on November 16th.

Calendar of Events:
November 2014

Nov 3rd: Court, Atlanta GA

Nov 4th: Court, Covington GA

Nov 5th: Court, Chattanooga TN

Nov 6th: Court, Rome GA

Nov 12th: Court, Atlanta GA

Nov 15th: American Diabetes Association Planning Committee Meeting

Nov 19th: Court, Birmingham AL

Nov 22nd: The Khaki Law Firm presents at the Atlanta Diabetes Association EXPO

Nov 24th: Court, Chattanooga TN

Nov 26th: Court, Gainesville GA

Nov 27th-28th: Thanksgiving Holiday- Office Closed

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