

# DoD Physical Disability Board of Review (PDBR) Application Process



## Veteran's Military Department Designated Decision Authority

**DDA of the Veteran's Military Department makes the final decision** on the case and informs the Veteran. If the Veteran's prior disability separation is recharacterized as a disability retirement, DDA coordinates the correction of the Veteran's military record and pay with DFAS. If the Veteran's disability is not recharacterized, there is no change in status with the Military Department. **Either way, there is no effect on the Veteran's separate VA rating.**

## Start

**Eligibility Criteria:**  
Veterans separated between 9/11/01 and 12/31/09 with a 0, 10, or 20% combined disability.

## Veteran

Veteran **submits their signed DD-294 and any supporting evidence** to the PDBR Case Management Team (CMT) to begin the application process.

## Joint Base Andrews

CMT requests medical and disability evaluation documentation from VA and Veteran's Military Department.

CMT receives requested documentation and uploads it into the PDBR Central database.

**3-person board** that includes a medical officer, reviews and adjudicates the case & **recommends action to the Designated Decision Authority (DDA).**

