



November 30, 2023
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We made a decision on your VA benefits.

Dear Francis Beifuss:

This letter will guide you through the information you should know and steps you may take now that VA has made a decision about your benefits.

Your Benefit Information:

- Service connection for chronic bronchitis is granted with an evaluation of 30 percent effective August 10, 2022.
- A decision on entitlement to compensation for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is deferred.

Your combined rating evaluation is:

Combined Rating Evaluation	Effective Date
30%	Dec 11, 2018
30%	Aug 5, 2021
90%	Sep 15, 2021
90%	Aug 10, 2022

How VA Combines Percentages

If you have more than one condition, VA will combine percentages to determine your overall disability rating. The percentages assigned for each of your conditions may not always add up to your combined rating evaluation. The following website has additional information about how VA combines percentages:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/rates-index.asp#howcalc>.

We have included with this letter:

1. Explanation of Payment
2. Additional Benefits
3. Where to Send Your Correspondence
4. VA Form 20-0998
5. Rating Decision
6. Fraud Prevention Attachment

Contact information:

Web: www.vets.gov
Phone: 1-800-827-1000
TDD: 711
To send questions online: visit
<https://iris.custhelp.com/>

Social Media:

Twitter: @VAVetBenefits
Facebook: www.facebook.com/VeteransBenefits

Your representative:

You appointed VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE US as your accredited representative. They have also received a copy of this letter.

They can help you with any questions you have about your claim.

If you or someone you know is in crisis, call the *Veterans Crisis Line* at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.

