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With the weather we've had so far this year, it may seem a little premature to start thinking about spring cleaning. But with all of the time everyone is spending indoors, getting started with a little organization around the house can help prevent cabin fever. And I think that creating a *my* Social Security account is the perfect place to start. Our first article focuses on just one of the many benefits of having an online account with Social Security. You may find that starting your own *my* Social Security account can help you eliminate the need for trips to your local Social Security office or phone calls with long wait times. So, while you're stuck inside these last few weeks of winter, I encourage you to go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount and check it out.

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Our second article for February includes some helpful information for Veterans who are applying for Social Security Disability benefits. We are dedicated to making sure that each and every one of our clients receives all of the benefits they are entitled to, and this article outlines a few benefits that you may not have been aware of, so be sure to take a look.

I hope your new year is off to a great start so far. If you have any questions about Social Security benefits or suggestions for topics you'd like us to cover in upcoming newsletters, please give us a call or send an email—we are always happy to hear from you!

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SOCIAL SECURITY ANNOUNCES NEW ONLINE SERVICE

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Social Security Announces New Online Service for Replacement SSA-1099s

Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, recently announced that the agency is expanding its online services available at www.socialsecurity.gov. Social Security beneficiaries are now able to quickly and easily obtain a replacement SSA-1099 from the agency's website with a *my* Social Security account.



"I am proud of our continued efforts to make it even easier for people to do business with us in a way that's convenient for them, from the comfort of their home, office, or a library," Acting Commissioner Colvin said. "Beginning this tax season, any *my* Social Security account holder who misplaces their original SSA-1099 will be able to request an instant replacement from our menu of online services."

Social Security sends SSA-1099s each January to everyone who receives Social Security benefits. It shows the total amount of benefits paid in the previous year and is used for tax purposes. Previously, people who lost their SSA-1099 had to call or visit a Social Security office to get a replacement or request that one be mailed to them. With this new online service, people now only

need to create a *my* Social Security account, or log into their existing one. Once there, they can view and print their SSA-1099 or request to have a new one mailed to them—all online.

my Social Security is a secure, online account people use beginning in their working years and continuing throughout the time they receive Social Security benefits. Once the account is created, it is used by people who are working to keep track of their earnings and to get estimates of future benefits. People already receiving benefits manage them with their account—changing their address, starting or changing direct deposit, getting a benefit verification letter, and more. In addition to those existing services, beneficiaries will now be able to immediately get their SSA-1099 replaced without needing to call or visit an office and often wait for a replacement form in the mail.

"Setting up a *my* Social Security account is quick, easy, and secure; plus it's a great way to do business with Social Security," Acting Commissioner Colvin said.

"That's why more than 16 million people have already taken advantage of our award-winning online services and experienced the new features available with their own accounts."

In fact, a new *my* Social Security account is created every six seconds. For more information, please go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Source: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/news/#!/post/2-2015-1>



INFORMATION FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS AND VETERANS

Information For Wounded Warriors And Veterans Who Have A Compensation Rating Of 100% Permanent & Total (P&T)

The effects of military service can be profound and lasting. There are a number of financial, social, and health issues that result from military service. Some Wounded Warriors and Veterans who have a compensation rating of 100% P&T are unaware that Social Security may expedite the processing of their disability claims.



To find helpful information that Wounded Warriors and Veterans who have a compensation rating of 100% P&T should know about Social Security, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/people/veterans. This site provides information about Social Security, why it is important, and some of the services that Social Security provides. Military service members can also receive expedited processing of disability claims from Social Security. Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application. The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

How does Military Pay affect eligibility for disability benefits?

Active duty status and receipt of military pay does not, in itself, necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Receipt of military payments should never stop you from applying for disability benefits from Social Security. If you are receiving treatment at a military medical facility and working in a designated therapy program or on limited duty, Social Security will evaluate your work activity to determine your eligibility for benefits.



You cannot receive Social Security disability benefits if you engage in substantial work for pay or profit. However, the actual work activity is the controlling factor and not the amount of pay you receive or your military duty status. For more information, visit the link below, or contact the offices of Jan Dils, Attorney at Law. We will be happy to help answer any questions you may have.

Source: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/veterans/#a0=12>

Jan Dils keeps you updated on Social Security disability benefits news and important issues that matter the most. We not only focus on Social Security Disability, we also provide legal assistance for Veterans Disability Benefits. We understand the claims process and specialize in making sure Veterans receive the proper representation needed for receiving benefits. For more information on our Veterans Disability services, please visit www.fight4vets.com

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