



Throughout history, our nation's veterans have trained for combat. Many of you served on the front lines and many served in critical support roles. All of you served with distinction and deserve to be compensated for your sacrifices for our country.

**Are you a Retired Veteran with Combat-Training or Combat-Related Injuries?  
You may be eligible for additional compensation with CRSC.**

### **What is CRSC?**

CRSC is a monetary award providing tax-free monthly compensation to eligible retired veterans with combat-related injuries. With CRSC, you may receive the combat related disability compensation in addition to your full military retirement.

### **Program History**

Since the late 1800's, retired veterans with disabilities waived their regular retired pay to receive Veterans Administration (VA) disability compensation. This system has been unique to military retirement, since all other Federal service retirees are entitled to receive their full regular retirement and disability compensation.

Enacted by Congress on December 2, 2002, the Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) program restores military retired pay to eligible retired veterans with *combat-related* injuries.

The CRSC program is a special part of a larger legislative initiative to restore military retirement compensation that is on par with Federal service benefits.

As a result of this legislation, Congress authorized two programs for disabled retired veterans: **Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Program** and **Concurrent Retirement and Disability Program (CRDP)**.

**Chapter 61 Updates:** The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was signed into law on January 28, 2008 to include Chapter 61 retirees, a new component for Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC). This legislation expands eligibility to medical retirees with less than 20 years of service, effective January 1, 2008. Medically retired veterans must still provide documentation that shows a causal link between a current VA disability and a combat related event.