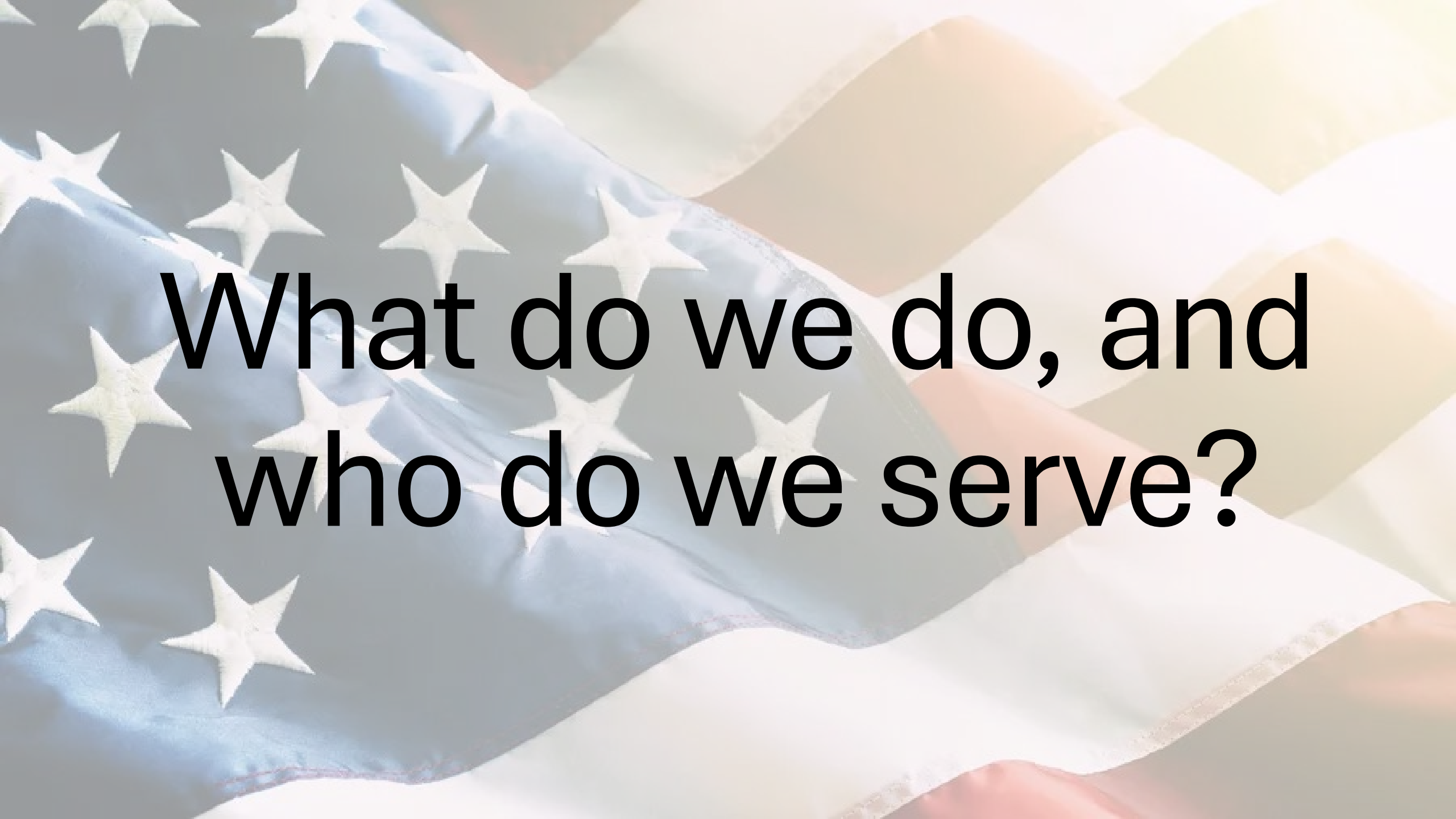


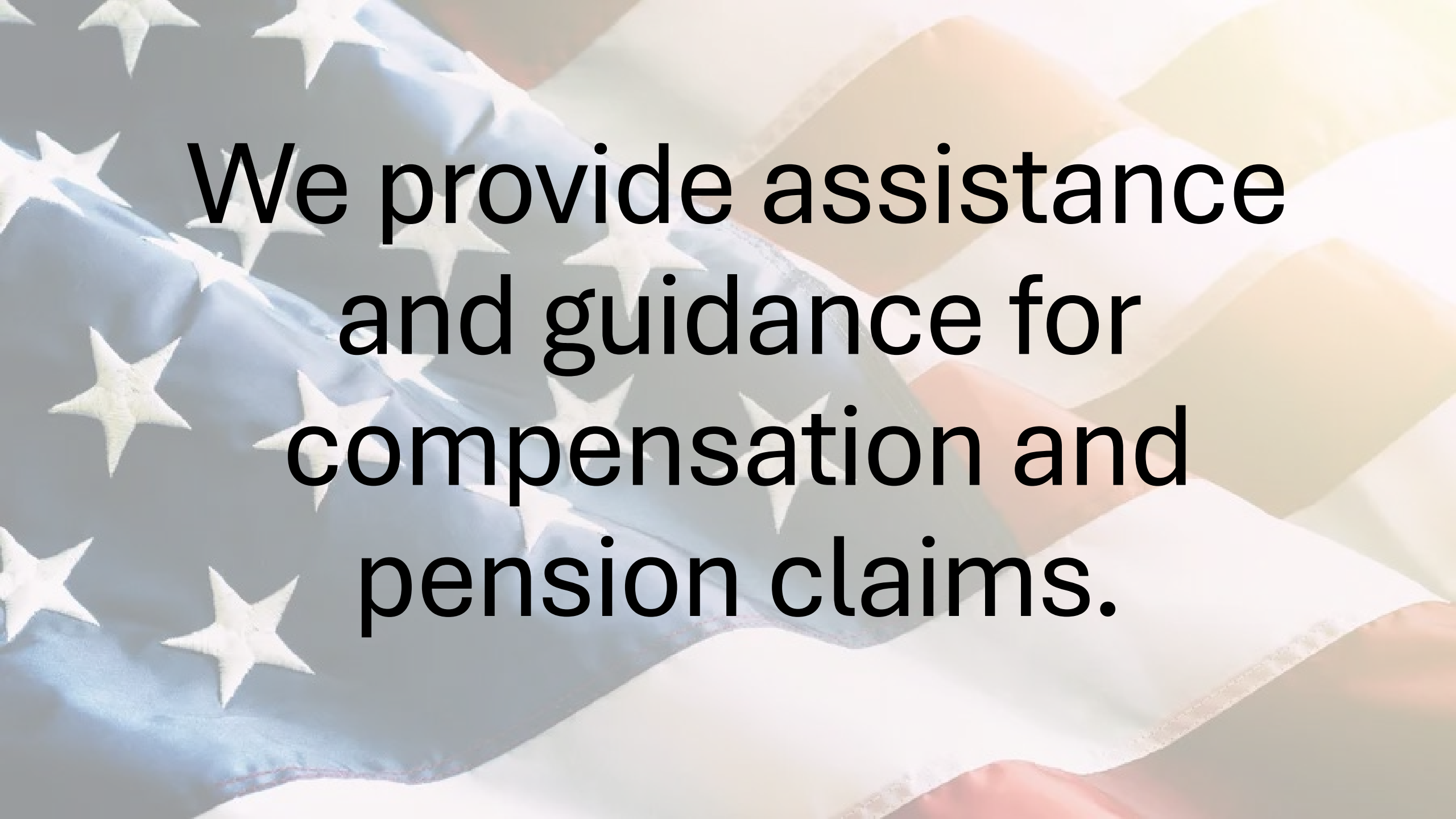
# Gaston County Veterans Services



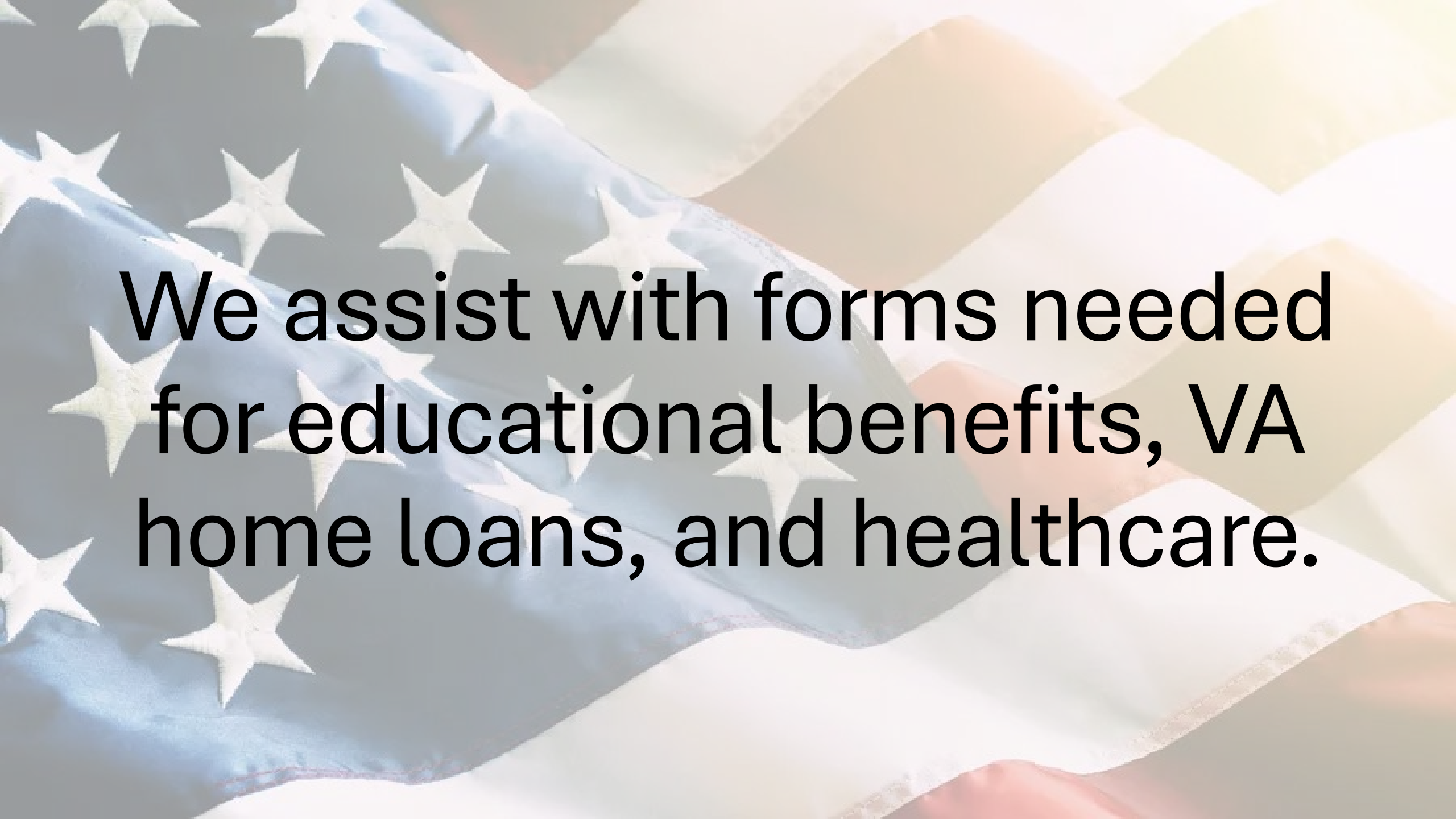
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Veterans Services



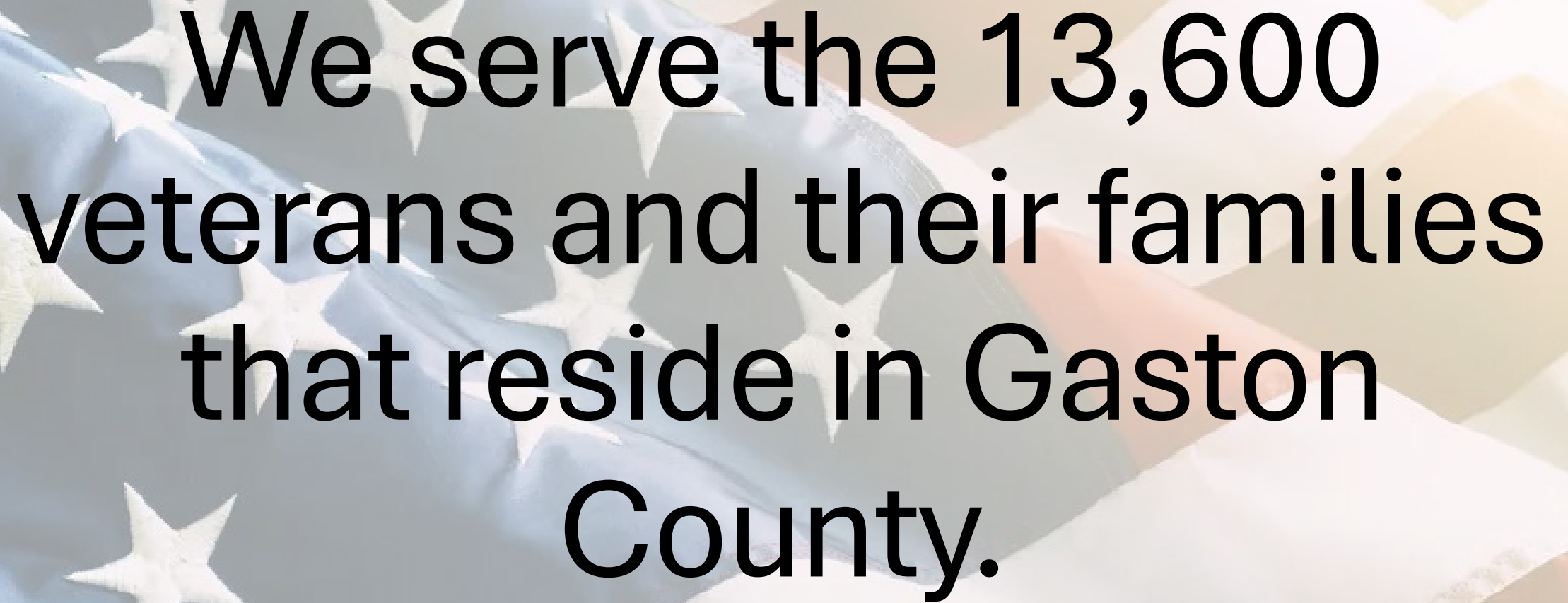
**What do we do, and  
who do we serve?**

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**We provide assistance  
and guidance for  
compensation and  
pension claims.**

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**We assist with forms needed  
for educational benefits, VA  
home loans, and healthcare.**

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**We serve the 13,600  
veterans and their families  
that reside in Gaston  
County.**

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# What is Disability Compensation?

VA disability compensation (pay) offers a monthly tax-free payment to veterans who got sick or injured while serving in the military and to veterans whose service made an existing condition worse.

# What is Pension?

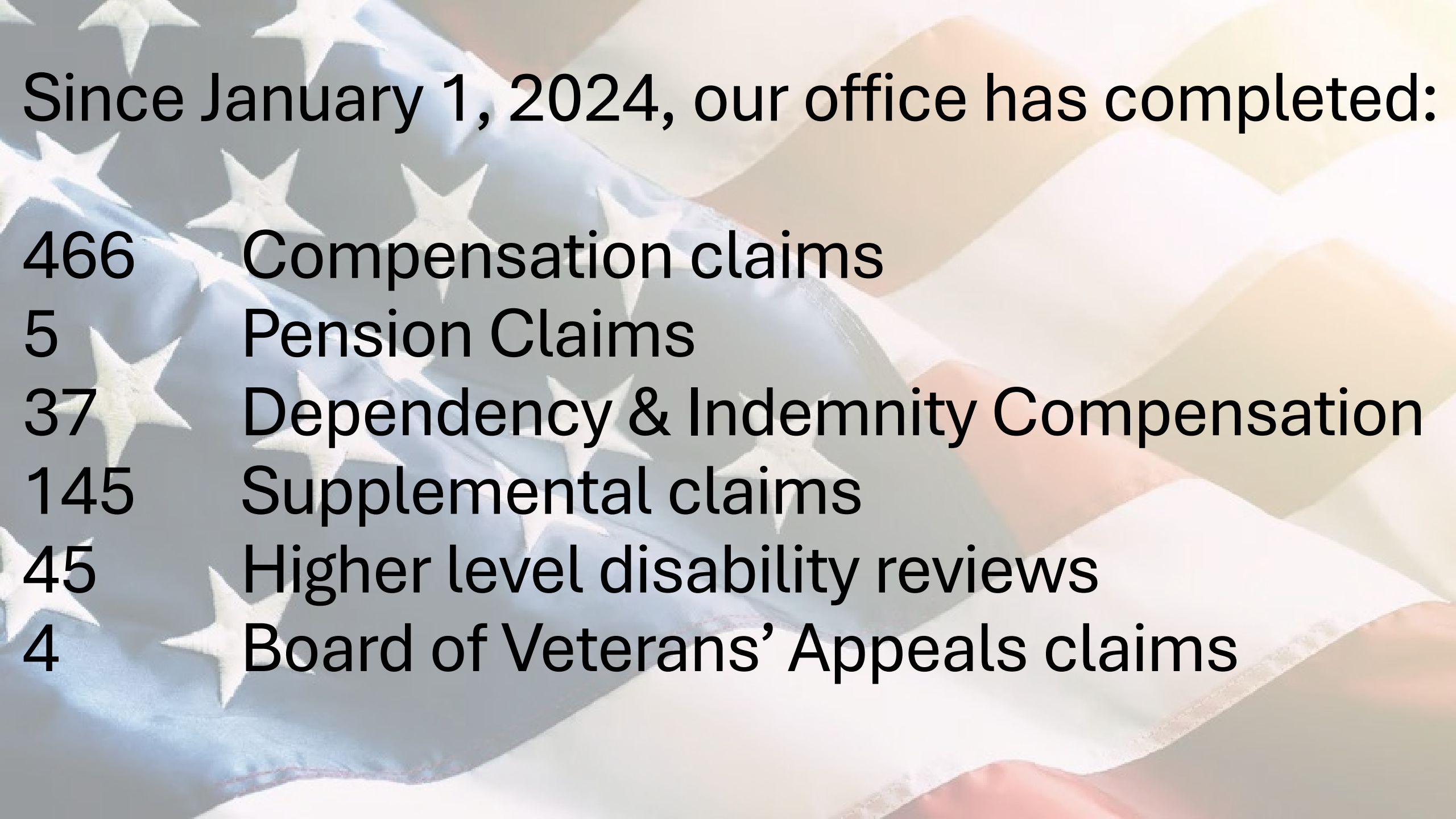
VA pension benefits are available to some wartime veterans and their survivors.

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# Healthcare

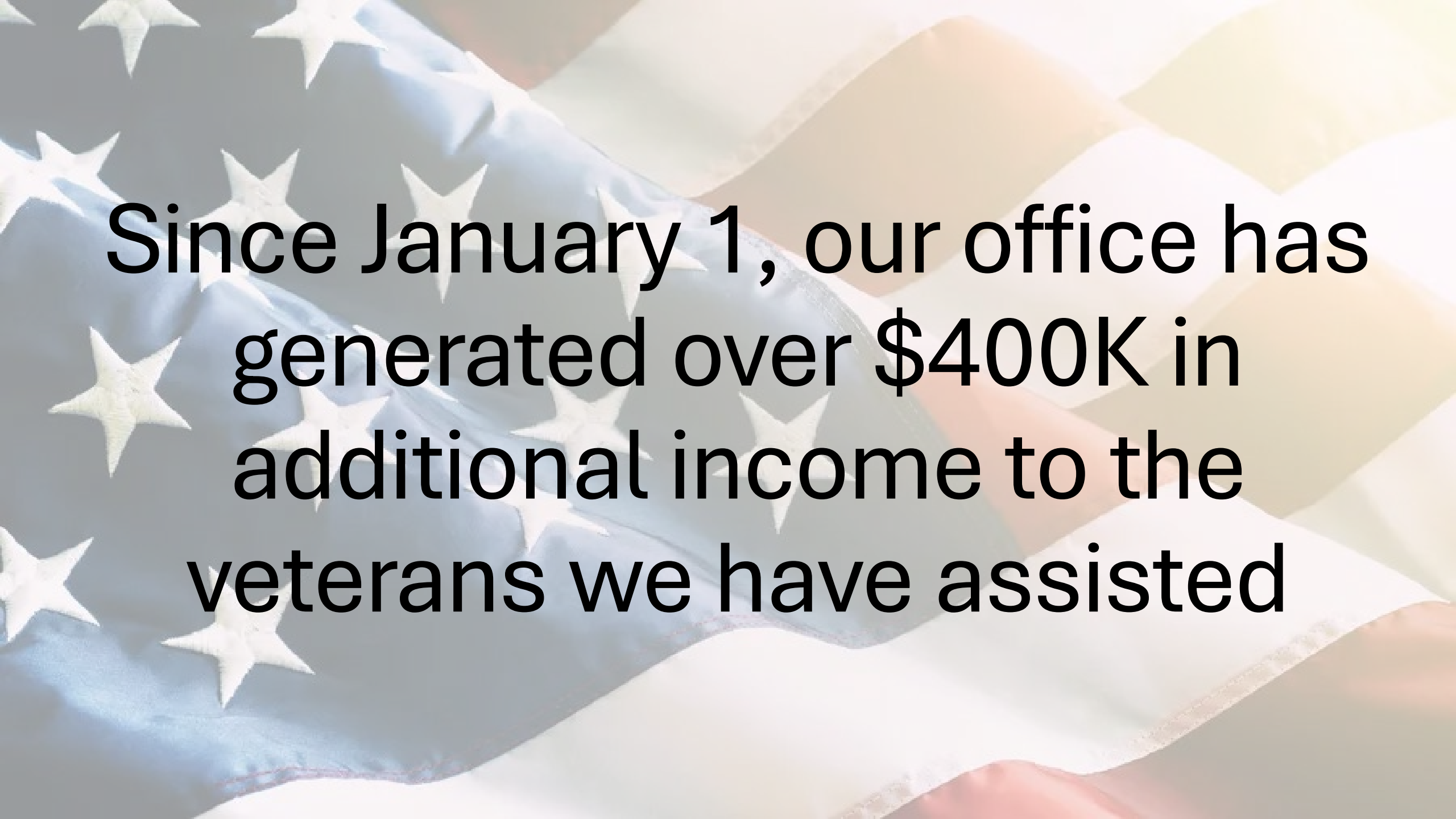
Little or no cost quality  
healthcare for veterans to  
include dental and hearing.



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Since January 1, 2024, our office has completed:

- 466 Compensation claims
- 5 Pension Claims
- 37 Dependency & Indemnity Compensation
- 145 Supplemental claims
- 45 Higher level disability reviews
- 4 Board of Veterans' Appeals claims

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**Since January 1, our office has generated over \$400K in additional income to the veterans we have assisted**