Wounded Warriors and Veterans Day

Friday, November 11, 2011 is Veterans Day and it is an opportunity to honor those who serve. Did you know that Social Security provides expedited processing of disability claims for Wounded Warriors? We use this expedited process for military service members disabled while on active military duty on or after October 1, 2001. Benefits available through Social Security are different from those the Department of Veterans Affairs offers, and we require a separate application.

Wounded Warriors can apply for Social Security disability benefits:

- online at <u>www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability</u>
- by calling the toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213; or
- by visiting a local field office.

To learn more about this initiative and the benefits available to military service members, visit our Wounded Warriors website at: www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors. The website offers an array of information including the Webinar – *Social Security for Wounded Warriors*, and Social Security Publication No. 05-10030 – *Disability Benefits for Wounded Warriors*.

We encourage you to share this information with others, and we thank you for your continued support helping the men and women in military service and their families.