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Note: In the headings I use the word, “article” to refer to journal articles, book chapters, court cases, and other publications.

**HOW TO FIND JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOKS**

*(i)* If you are a VA employee, contact your local librarian and/or consult the VHA National Desktop Library. VA librarians are immensely helpful and you can find about 80% of journals directly and the rest through interlibrary loan.

*(ii)* For journal articles, request a copy from the corresponding author.

*(iii)* Search for the title of the article on Google Scholar. On the results page, click on “All n versions” (where n = the number of available versions of that article) at the bottom of a listing. The resulting page might contain PDF or HTML versions of the article.

**MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES**


Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL) **Mental Health C&P “listserv” Email Discussion List** – Send request to join to: webmaster1@avapl.org


**National Center for PTSD** - see the Professionals section. Use PTSDpubs to search for PTSD-related journal articles. Take advantage of the excellent PTSD Consultation Program.


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**Important Articles**


*Mathis v. McDonald*, 834 F. 3d 1347, 1356 (Fed. Cir. 2016) (Reyna, J., dissenting from denial of rehearing en banc)

Mathis v. McDonald, 834 F. 3d 1347 (Fed. Cir. 2016) (denial of hearing en banc), cert. denied, Mathis v. Shulkin, U.S. No. 16-677, slip op. (Gorsuch, J., dissenting) (June 26, 2017)


Veterans Benefits for PTSD in the United States (Wikipedia).

Veterans Law Library – best source of veterans law updates.

Vietnam-era MOS codes

- It’s often hard to find Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) codes from past decades. These three websites have them for the 1960s to early 1970s:
  - Vietnam-era MOS codes - (all branches)
  - Vietnam-era MOS - (Marine Corps only)
  - MOS Codes in the Vietnam era - (all branches)


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**RECOMMENDED ARTICLES**

[https://doi.org/10.1080/21635781.2012.721063](https://doi.org/10.1080/21635781.2012.721063)


Department of Veterans Affairs (2004). *C&P clinicians’ guide.* Washington, D.C.: Author. [Note that the VA reportedly no longer considers the *C&P Clinicians’ Guide* to be]
authoritative.]


Huang, D. (2014, October 27). VA disability claims soar: Some see higher fraud risk as more vets seek compensation, overloading doctors. Wall Street Journal. [paywall]


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1 Daniel Huang, *VA Shift Opens Door to Disability Fraud*, WALL ST. J., July 15, 2016 at A1; published online as *Trying to Serve More Veterans Faster, VA Opens Door to Disability Fraud* (July 14, 2016)
