



Black Veterans Project (BVP) is a national 501(c)3 non-profit advancing **research, national reporting, litigation** and **storytelling** to advance racial equity in and out of uniform.



2X

Twice as likely to live in poverty compared to white veterans

1/3

Represent one-third the homeless veterans in the United States

44%

Face a 44 percent greater likelihood of unemployment

29%

Face up to a 29 percent disparity in denials rates for PTSD claims

In 2020, BVP began collaborating with Yale Law School to obtain two-decades of data proving racial inequities in disability compensation by the Department of Veterans Affairs, laying the foundation for the landmark case Monk v. U.S.

In 2021, BVP advanced the passage of S. 1031, a bill earmarking a Government Accountability Office study of racial disparities in the allocation of veterans disability benefits

In March 2023, BVP's advocacy resulted in the formation of a historic Leadership Panel within the Department of Veterans Affairs to address racial disparities in the allocation of veterans benefits

In the 117th Congress, BVP co-led the formation of a coalition of Black veterans organizations to advance policy reforms related to racial inequities. Our efforts supported the advancement of the Sgt. Isaac Woodard, Jr. and Sgt. Joseph H. Maddox GI Bill Restoration Act, a repair bill extending housing and education benefits to descendants of Black veterans of World War II

In December 2022, BVP delivered testimony before the House Veterans Affairs Committee to advance the VA Housing Loan Forever Act, draft legislation to extend unused VA home loans to descendants of veterans who faced discrimination in accessing VA Home Loans



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