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Fighting for Those Who Served: Gang & Associates LLC’s Support for Veterans’ Disability Claims

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A significant number of people enter military service in their late teens or early twenties. Many enter military life young, at a time when physical setbacks or soreness can feel temporary, manageable, or easy to explain away. In the years that follow, priorities shift to careers, family, and stability, often long before the long-term implications of earlier strain or injury become clear.

“We see a pattern over and over again,” says Eric Gang, Founder of [Gang & Associates](#). “A veteran pushes through pain in their twenties, tells themselves they can handle it, and then by the time they are in their fifties or sixties, the condition has grown into something that can limit their mobility, their work, or their day-to-day stability. By then, the paper trail is thin, and the burden of proof becomes steep.”



Source: Eric Gang, Gang & Associates LLC

According to Gang, some individuals in service believe their injuries are not severe enough to warrant official reporting or worry about affecting career progression or unit dynamics. “There is often a belief that benefits are only for battlefield injuries,” Gang says. “That’s simply not how these issues unfold in reality. Many conditions linked to service come from routine physical strain, training environments, or exposures that were not part of a headline moment but still changed someone’s health trajectory.”

From Gang’s point of view, when veterans eventually seek assistance, claims are frequently challenged due to a lack of early documentation. The difficulty often compounds when claims require medical nexus opinions, formal assessments connecting a current diagnosis to an event that occurred during service. The cost of these evaluations, particularly for forensic psychiatry, orthopedic degeneration, neurological progression, or mental health cases, can reach levels that most individuals cannot privately fund.

“Veterans shouldn’t be expected to navigate these technical and financial barriers on their own,” Gang says. “Medical experts are often essential in drawing the connection between what’s happening now and what started during service. Most veterans are not in a position to absorb expenses when they are focused on their health.”

Gang & Associates works specifically in cases where the evidentiary chain has thinned, requiring comprehensive medical interpretation, specialist testimony, or fact reconstruction through expert analysis. The firm advances the cost of these evaluations rather than requiring the veteran to pay upfront. “We fund the cost because without medical experts, many claims simply can’t move forward,” Gang explains. “We take on that risk ourselves so the veteran doesn’t have to.”

The practice also emphasizes outreach, hosting educational seminars aimed at demystifying documentation timelines and encouraging earlier medical reporting. “The earlier conditions are noted, even in small increments, the stronger a future claim becomes,” Gang says. “We focus on awareness as much as advocacy. Many veterans don’t realize that the smallest documented moment, the smallest medical entry, can later become the key piece of evidence that changes everything.”

Gang is deliberate in his description of the firm’s mission. “We don’t step into the cases that can be resolved efficiently through existing support systems, such as with veteran service organizations,” he says. “We step into the cases where the system needs more: more funding, more medical authority, more advocacy, and more persistence. We want veterans to know that delayed claims are not failed claims. They are often incomplete stories waiting for the right evidence and the right backing to be told properly.”

Gang returns to the core of the work without hesitation, framing it not as a legal process, but as a responsibility. “These veterans gave their strength in their younger years,” he says. “Our role is to give it back when they need it most. Not with hesitation or conditions, but with the same resolve they showed in service, steady, committed, and unwavering.”

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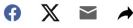
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