



Veterans: Va Forfeiture Decisions Highlight the Need to Strengthen the Procedural Protections Afforded Filipino Veterans Residin

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In response to a congressional request, GAO reviewed a 5-year sample of Veterans Administration (VA) forfeiture decisions to determine whether Filipino veterans and their survivors were afforded procedural due process. GAO found that virtually all VA forfeitures were based on cases from the Philippines and that questionable procedures and practices sometimes resulted in unfair treatment of Filipino veterans. In many cases: (1) forfeiture decisions were not timely, taking in some cases more than 2 years after payments were stopped; (2) letters offering personnel hearings contained statements that could discourage requests for forfeiture hearings; (3) insurance benefits, which are not gratuitous benefits, were withheld to offset debts without prior notification of such offsets; and (4) gratuitous benefits were suspended quickly without providing prior notification and an opportunity to respond to the charge leading to forfeiture. The timeliness of forfeiture decisions significantly improved over the 5-year period, and VA has revised some procedures and is in the process of revising others which should improve the treatment of Filipino veterans and their survivors residing in the Philippines. However, problems still exist,...



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