



AVBI Medical Alert Tag & ID Card Information

The everyday lives of veterans who have suffered a brain injury are being made easier through the AVBI Medical Alert Tag and I.D. Card Program.

AVBI is providing a medical alert dog tag and a tri-fold credit-card sized identity card in a small carrying case, FREE of charge to any American Veteran who has suffered a brain injury.

For veterans who may be rendered helpless due to seizure or other medical condition(s); the dog tag will alert medical personal to the identity card for further information. The identity card not only contains medical conditions and pertinent information; it lists common impairments and can be used to help a brain injured veteran better communicate their difficulties, particularly in times of stress.

Both the dog tag and the ID card contain the AVBI logo. The card includes the wording on one side; *"I am not mentally ill; I am an American Veteran who suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury."* and some of the impairments associated with a brain injury. The other side has blank spaces for personal and emergency contact information and the wording; *"The purpose of this card is to list some of the symptoms associated with a brain injury. I would appreciate your patience and understanding and I will work with you to the extent I am capable. I ask that you please read both sides of this card and if I seem to need additional assistance, please contact the emergency person(s) listed, as soon as possible."*

Presentation of the card helps encourage patience and understanding if (or when) a person with brain injury encounters difficulties whilst carrying out routine daily activities. This card has proven very useful in helping explain the major symptoms of a TBI; whether, just trying to explain it to friends or when interacting with law enforcement officials. It WILL NOT keep law enforcement officials from doing their job, yet it may keep difficult situations from escalating due to misunderstanding.

If you are a TBI/ABI wounded servicemember, veteran, or a family member of such, and would like to have an AVBI medical alert Dog Tag and ID, please visit AVBI.org and follow the "Programs & Services" link or fill out the attached application and mail the completed application to: AVBI, 4960 Hwy 90 Box 173, Pace, FL 32571

