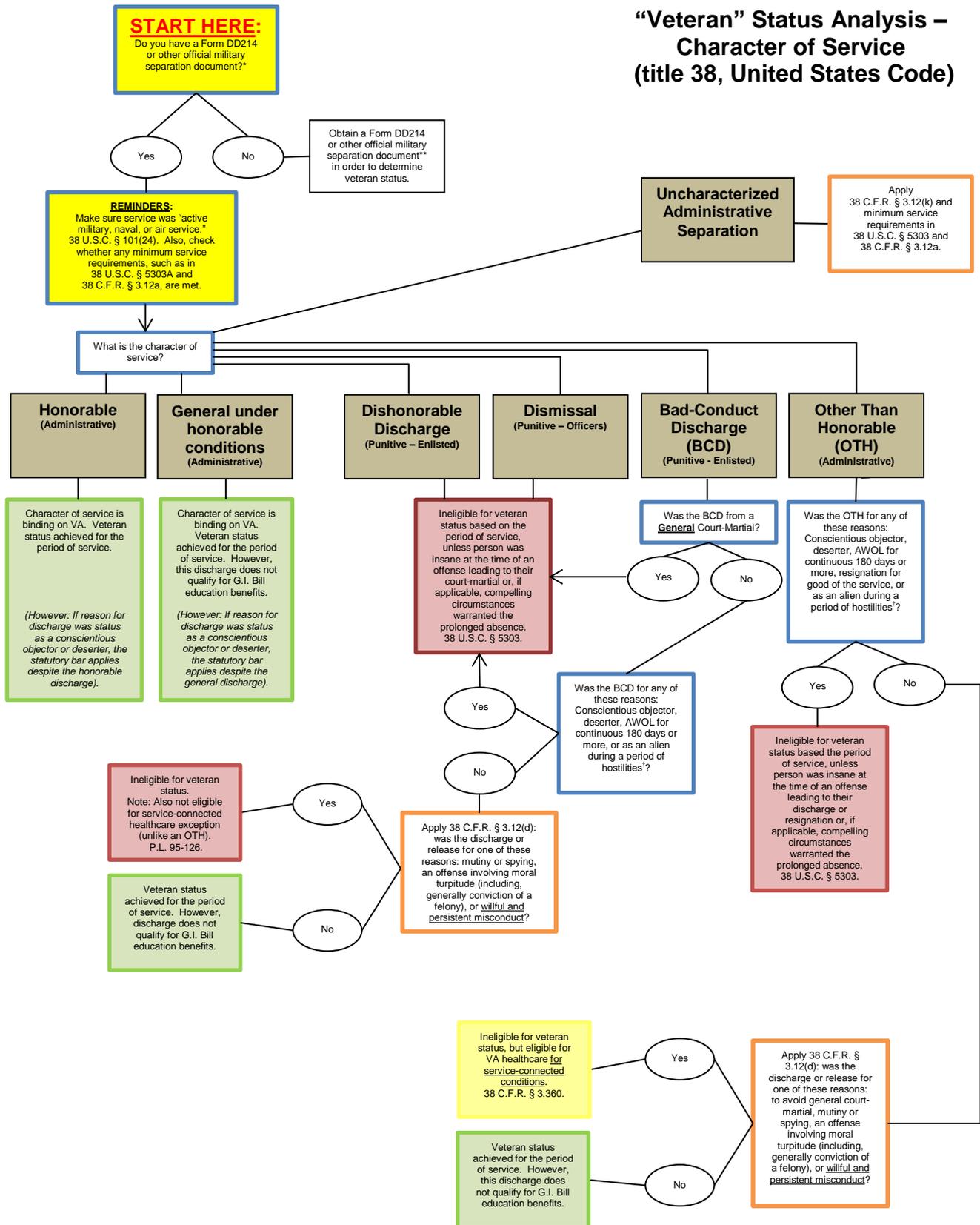


# “Veteran” Status Analysis – Character of Service (title 38, United States Code)



\* An individual may be eligible for VA benefits based on a prior period of service even if they do not qualify based on their current period of service. See VAOPGCPREC 61-91. If there is more than one period of service, then analyze each period separately. See 38 C.F.R. § 3.13 for information on what constitutes a period of service.

\*\* For example, some reservists will only receive a discharge certificate (e.g., DD Form 256A).

†Regarding aliens, see the exceptions in 38 U.S.C. § 5303(c) and 38 C.F.R. § 3.12(c)(5).

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