



Veterans Affairs

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DISABILITY AND DEATH PENSION

Disability Pension Benefits

Disability Pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans with limited income who are no longer able to work.

You may be eligible if:

- The veteran was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions **AND**
- The veteran served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time. Anyone who enlists after 09/07/1980 generally has to serve at least 24 months or the full period for which a person was called or ordered to active duty in order to receive any benefits based on that period of service. Those veterans that were in on or after 08/02/1990 served during a period of war time. When they do, they generally now must serve 24 months to be eligible for pension or any other benefit **AND**
- The veteran has disabilities that keep them from working a regular, full-time job, **AND**
- Countable family income is below a yearly limit set by law

How much does VA pay?

VA pays you the difference between your countable family income and the yearly income limit. This difference is generally paid in 12 monthly payments rounded down to the nearest dollar.

You may also be eligible for House Bound or Aid and Attendance (see bottom of next page)

Death Pension Benefits

Death Pension is a benefit paid to eligible dependents of deceased wartime veterans

You may be eligible if:

- the deceased veteran was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, **AND**
- he or she served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time. Anyone who enlists after 09/07/1980 generally has to serve at least 24 months or the full period for which a person was called or ordered to active duty in order to receive any benefits based on that period of service. Those veterans that were in on or after 08/02/1990 served during a period of war time. When they do, they generally now must serve 24 months to be eligible for pension or any other benefit **AND**

- you are the surviving spouse or unmarried child of the deceased veteran **AND**
- your countable income is below a yearly limit set by law

How much does VA pay?

VA pays you the difference between your countable family income and the yearly income limit. This difference is generally paid in 12 monthly payments rounded down to the nearest dollar.

Housebound or Aid and Attendance Allowance

An additional benefit paid to veteran, surviving spouses. This allowance is paid in all Pension programs. It is paid based on the need of aid and attendance by another person or by specific disability.

If a veteran or widow(er) is in long-term care (nursing home) they may be eligible for a special Aid & Attendance rate.

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