Compensation & Pension

Purpose: To bring Veteran VA pension payments up to established support levels (Federal poverty guidelines)

In order to get this pension you must have Wartime Service

If you entered active duty prior to September 7, 1980:
• at least 90 days of active duty service
• at least one day during a wartime period

If you entered active duty after September 7, 1980,
• must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty (with some exceptions),
• at least one day during a wartime period

In addition you must be:
1. Age 65 or older
   OR
2. Totally and permanently disabled
   OR
3. A patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care
   OR
4. Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance
   OR
5. Receiving Supplemental Security Income
Wartime Service Determination

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Note** You cannot receive both a VA non-service connected pension and service-connected compensation payments at the same time. However, if you apply for pension and are awarded payments, VA will pay you whichever benefit is the greater amount.

Income and Net Worth Limitations

Countable income includes income from most sources as well as from any eligible dependents. It generally includes:
- earnings, disability and retirement payments
- interest and dividend payments from annuities
- net income from farming or a business

Some expenses, such as unreimbursed medical expenses, may reduce your countable income.

Net worth includes assets such as:
- bank accounts
- stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities
any property other than your residence and a reasonable lot area.
You should report all of your net worth. VA will
determine whether your assets are of a sufficiently
large amount that you could live off of them for a reasonable period of time.

SURVIVOR PENSION
The Survivor Pension is so referred to as Death Pension.
It is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to
•low-income, un-remarried surviving spouse
  AND/OR
•unmarried child of a deceased Veteran with wartime
  service

ELIGIBILITY
For service on or before September 7, 1980:
  ➢Veteran must have served at least 90 days of active
    military service, with at least one day during a war
time period
If he or she entered active duty after September 7, 1980:
  ➢served at least 24 months or the full period for which
    called or ordered to active duty with at least one day
during a war time period
  ➢Was discharged from service under other than
    dishonorable conditions

Your yearly family income must be less than the amount
set by Congress