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# Veterans Service Agency

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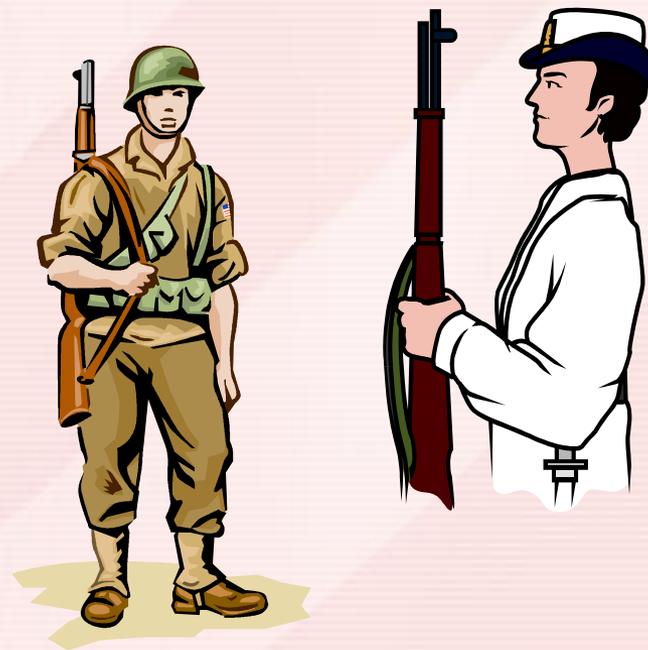
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# What Is A VSO?

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Veteran's  
Advocate



# War Time Service

- **Mexican Border Period:** May 9, 1916, through April 5, 1917, for veterans who served in Mexico , on its borders or in adjacent waters.
- **World War I:** April 6, 1917, through Nov. 11, 1918; for veterans who served in Russia , April 6, 1917, through April 1, 1920; extended through July 1, 1921, for veterans who had at least one day of service between April 6, 1917, and Nov. 11, 1918.
- **World War II:** Dec. 7, 1941, through Dec. 31, 1946.
- **Korean War:** June 27, 1950, through Jan. 31, 1955.
- **Vietnam War:** Aug. 5, 1964 (Feb. 28, 1961, for veterans who served "in country" before Aug. 5, 1964), through May 7, 1975.
- **Gulf War:** Aug. 2, 1990, through a date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation.

# Benefit Programs

- Disability Compensation- VA Pays monthly compensation to veterans for disabilities incurred or aggravated during military service.
- Pension- Income based benefit for those veterans who are totally and permanently disabled due to non-service connected disability or 65 and older.
- Medical Benefits- VA Healthcare Services- 1-877-222-8387
- Burial- Eligibility to be buried in VA National Cemetery.
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment- VA can help veterans with service connected disabilities prepare for, find and keep suitable employment
- Education and Training- VA pays educational benefits to eligible veterans, active duty members and reservists while they are in an approved education or training program-GI Bill-Must use within 10 years of discharge.
- Home Loan Guaranties- Special Loan Programs-Contact-1800-827-100
- Life Insurance- VA 1-800-669-8477

<b>Percent</b>	<b>Veteran Only</b>	<b>Veteran with Spouse</b>	<b>Veteran with Spouse &amp; Child</b>	<b>Ea Add Child Under 18</b>	<b>Ea Add School Child Over 18</b>
<b><u>10%</u></b>	<b>\$115</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>20%</u></b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b><u>30%</u></b>	<b>\$348</b>	<b>\$389</b>	<b>\$420</b>	<b>\$21</b>	<b>\$66</b>
<b><u>40%</u></b>	<b>\$501</b>	<b>\$556</b>	<b>\$597</b>	<b>\$28</b>	<b>\$88</b>
<b><u>50%</u></b>	<b>\$712</b>	<b>\$781</b>	<b>\$832</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>\$111</b>
<b><u>60%</u></b>	<b>\$901</b>	<b>\$984</b>	<b>\$1,045</b>	<b>\$42</b>	<b>\$133</b>
<b><u>70%</u></b>	<b>\$1,135</b>	<b>\$1,232</b>	<b>\$1,303</b>	<b>\$49</b>	<b>\$155</b>
<b><u>80%</u></b>	<b>\$1,319</b>	<b>\$1,430</b>	<b>\$1,511</b>	<b>\$56</b>	<b>\$177</b>
<b><u>90%</u></b>	<b>\$1,483</b>	<b>\$1,608</b>	<b>\$1,699</b>	<b>\$63</b>	<b>\$199</b>
<b><u>100%</u></b>	<b>\$2,471</b>	<b>\$2,610</b>	<b>\$2,711</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$222</b>

# Pensions for Veterans

- Non-Service Connected Improved Pension:-90 days of active duty service with at least 1 day of wartime service.
- Non-Service Connected Disability
  - ❖ Honorable Discharge
  - ❖ Veteran Alone-\$911
  - ❖ Veteran w/spouse-\$1,193
- Pension with Aid & Attendance:
  1. Veteran must have an honorable discharge and be a "wartime veteran"
    - ❖ Out of pocket medical expenses-(Assisted Living Facility)
    - ❖ Veteran Alone-1,520
    - ❖ Veteran with Spouse-1,801

# Survivor Benefits

- **Death Pension**
- Max Monthly Income-\$611
  
- **Death Pension with Aid and Attendance**
- Out of pocket medical expenses-(Assisted Living Facility)
- Max Monthly Income-\$976
  
- **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation**
  - DIC to Payments Surviving Spouse
  - DIC Payments to Parents and Children
  - Requirements: Veteran was:
    - Military service member who died while on active duty **or**
    - Veteran's death resulted from service-connected injury **or**
    - 100% Service Connected for @ least 10 years.

**DIC Basic Monthly Rate**

**\$1,067**

**If Veteran was 100% for 8 years**

**Add \$228**

**For each child**

**Add \$265**

**Spouse entitled to A&A**

**Add \$265**

**If spouse is Housebound**

**Add \$126**

# \$90 per month nursing home Benefit

- This is a \$90 per month benefit for eligible veterans or widows living in a nursing home or skilled nursing facility.
- Requirements:
  - Veteran must be a “wartime veteran”
  - Honorable Discharge
  - Live in a Nursing Home
  - is on or has applied for Medicaid
  - is single (or a widow/widower)

# Burial Benefits

- Service- Related Death:
  1. Burial allowance up to \$2,000
- Non-Service Related Death-must be receiving a pension or compensation.
  1. \$300 toward burial
  2. \$300 for plot-interment allowance (Does not apply to National Cemeteries or Veteran State Cemeteries.)
- Service members who receive an honorable discharge are eligible for burial in a VA National cemetery.

# Process

- Power of Attorney
- Filing Claim
- Submitting Requested Information
- Correspondence
- Notice of Disagreement
- Appeal Process

# Contact Numbers

- **Suffolk County Veterans Services**  
**631-853-8387**
- **Veterans Administration**  
**1-800-827-1000**
- **Northport VA Hospital**  
**631-261-4400**
- **VA Life Insurance**  
**1-800-669-8477**

# Thank You !

