

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
FOR
VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II



Benefits Administered by the
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
FOR YOUR INFORMATION AS A
VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II.
YOU WILL FIND IT VALUABLE
AND FOR THAT REASON YOU
SHOULD READ IT AND RETAIN
IT FOR FUTURE GUIDANCE. * * *

The Veterans Administration is an independent Federal agency created for the purpose of extending relief to veterans and dependents of deceased veterans of all wars and persons and dependents of deceased persons who served in the Military or Naval Establishments of the United States during other than a period of war, as provided for by the various acts of Congress.

THE FOLLOWING IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHICH YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY READ SINCE AS A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II YOU HAVE POTENTIAL ENTITLEMENT

COOPERATIVE SERVICE.—At each of the Veterans Administration field stations having regional office activities, there is maintained a contact unit to which contact representatives are assigned. The function of this unit is to furnish general information on questions relating to the benefits authorized under the laws administered by the Veterans Administration, including those referred to in this pamphlet, and to assist veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims relating to such benefits. Contact representatives are also responsible for furnishing information and assistance on questions relating to employment, including those relating to civil service employment with the Federal Government. Veterans may feel free to use the services offered by the contact unit. See list for location of regional office activities which are indicated by an asterisk (*).

Additionally there are many welfare and service organizations, such as the American Red Cross, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and many other national, State, and miscellaneous organizations, which cooperate with the Veterans Administration in extending authorized services to veterans and their dependents. Such organizations have long manifested a deep interest in the veteran's welfare and their official representatives located throughout the country will be glad to furnish information and assistance within reasonable limitations on questions relating to veterans' benefits which relate to the laws administered by the Veterans Administration.

INSURANCE.—Your National Service Life Insurance is one of your most valuable assets. DON'T LET IT LAPSE. It may be continued on the Level Premium Term Plan for 5 years from the date of issuance or may be converted after it has been in effect for 1 year and within the 5-year term period into an Ordinary Life, Twenty Payment Life, or Thirty Payment Life Policy. The Government pays all administrative costs and any losses resulting from the extra hazard of service and no charge for such costs is included in the premium. Premium may be waived upon application made by the insured during his lifetime for any period of continuous total disability of

4 or more consecutive months, beginning after the date of the application for insurance, provided such disability commenced while the insurance was in force under premium-paying conditions and prior to the insured's sixtieth birthday. There are no restrictions on place of residence, mode of travel, or occupation. Following maturity by reason of the death of the insured, National Service Life Insurance is payable to the beneficiary in monthly installments as follows: (a) Beneficiaries under 30 years of age receive \$5.52 per month per \$1,000 for 360 months; (b) beneficiaries 30 or over receive continuous installments for life (120 installments guaranteed) at a rate based upon the age of the beneficiary at maturity. The insured may change the beneficiary of his National Service Life Insurance by notice in writing over his signature addressed to the Veterans Administration. No change of beneficiary may be made in the last will and testament of the insured, although an original designation of beneficiary may be made by such instrument. Ordinarily the first premium after discharge is payable during the month following discharge. To avoid lapse forward premiums promptly to the Collections Subdivision, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C., by check, draft, or money order, payable to the "Treasurer of the United States." When remitting give your full name, address, Insurance Certificate Number, if known, and all service (serial) numbers assigned to you while in the service. If you have a United States Government Life Insurance policy in force, you may continue it after discharge by payment of the premiums as stated above. Any further information regarding insurance may be obtained by addressing the Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

MEDICAL TREATMENT.—This may be out-patient or in hospital. Out-patient treatment can be provided only for disease or injury that is service-connected. Hospital treatment can be supplied for a condition that is service-connected upon minimal terms—simply honorable discharge from the last period of war service. Hospital treatment may be furnished for a non-service-connected condition requiring such treatment if the applicant has not been dishonorably discharged from his last period of war service, a bed is available, and he makes a statement under oath that he is financially unable to supply himself with the necessary hospital treatment. Artificial limbs, braces, hearing devices, etc., can be supplied or repaired, under prescribed provisions, as a part of medical treatment. Toilet articles, smoking tobacco or cigarettes, stationery and postage, and barber services may be supplied during hospital treatment, to a beneficiary whose income is less than \$5 monthly. Personal clothing may be supplied when the monthly income is less than \$10 a month.

TRANSPORTATION.—(a) In out-patient physical examination for monetary benefits or in out-patient treatment, transportation with incidental expenses may be supplied by the Government, except when the examinee lives in the city, or vicinity thereof, where the examination is made or treatment rendered. (b) In hospital treatment for a condition that is service-connected, an applicant whose disciplinary record is clear can be furnished Government transportation, with incidental expenses, to cover travel to a Veterans Administration hospital.

Upon completion of treatment and a regular discharge, he can be supplied transportation and incidental expenses covering his return to the point whence he had proceeded. (c) In hospital treatment for a condition not service-connected transportation and incidental expenses may be supplied or is (3), if the applicant swears he is unable to defray the cost thereof. Prior authority from the Veterans Administration is necessary in the case of travel for each of the above-mentioned purposes.

DOMICILIARY CARE.—A war veteran is eligible for domiciliary care if he or she has not been dishonorably discharged from his or her last period of war service and is unable to defray the expenses of such care; is suffering from a disability, disease, or defect that incapacitates him or her from earning a living for a prospective period of time. Application for domiciliary care should be made to the manager of the nearest Veterans Administration station. Transportation to the station may be paid on original admission when so authorized. The Veterans Administration stations at Bath, N. Y.; Bay Pines, Fla.; Bloom, Minn.; Boise, Idaho; Dayton, Ohio; Hot Springs, S. Dak.; Knoxville, Va.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Mountain Home, Tenn.; Togus, Maine; Wadsworth, Kans.; and Wood Wis., have accommodations for domiciliary care for men. Domiciliary accommodations for women are available at the Veterans Administration stations at Dayton, Ohio; Bay Pines, Fla.; and Los Angeles, Calif.

DISABILITY PENSION.—Generally stated, World War II pension is payable by the Veterans Administration for disability existing to a 10-percent or greater degree and resulting from disease or injury incurred in (or aggravated by) service on or after December 7, 1941, and during the war period in the active military or naval forces of the United States. In every case the causative disease or injury must have been incurred (or aggravated) in line of duty and without misconduct on the part of the person in service; and, in addition, the veteran must have been discharged or otherwise separated from active service under honorable conditions. The amount of pension ordinarily payable ranges from \$50 to \$100 monthly, in multiples of \$5, depending upon the degree of disability which is evaluated in 10-corresponding steps, i. e., 10 percent, 20 percent, 30 percent, etc., to 100 percent. However, for certain conditions or combination of conditions involving extensive anatomical loss or loss of use, blindness or helplessness, special pensions up to \$150 monthly may be authorized. World War II pension in excess of \$50 per month may not be paid a veteran who is without a wife, child, or dependent parent and is receipt of hospital, institutional, or domiciliary care from the United States or a political subdivision thereof. Formal application for disability pension must be initially made on Veterans Administration Application Form 228 which is to be completely completed and forwarded to the Veterans Administration office having regional office activities (see list of stations and jurisdiction over the veteran's permanent place of residence). However, if a veteran executed application Form 228 at the time of separation from service or has heretofore filed this form with the Veterans Administration, the filing of an additional formal application is unnecessary.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TRAINING.—Vocational training is available to veterans who have been in the active military or naval service any time after December 8, 1941, and during the present war, have received an honorable discharge, have disability incurred in or aggravated by such service for which pension is payable under laws administered by the Veterans Administration or would be but for receipt of retirement pay, and are in need of vocational training to overcome the handicap of such disability. During authorized training, pension is payable at the rate of \$50 per month to a single man and \$60 per month to a married man, with an added allotment of \$5 per month for each dependent child and \$30 per month for each dependent parent. No course of training in excess of 4 years can be approved, nor can training be provided beyond 5 years after the end of the present war.

DEATH PENSION.—Under existing laws the dependents of a veteran whose death resulted from a disease or injury incurred in service in line of duty while the United States is engaged in war may be entitled to pension at the rates set forth below:

	Per Month
Widow but no child.....	\$50
Widow with one child.....	65
(with \$15 for each additional child)	
No widow but one child.....	25
No widow but two children.....	35 (equally divided)
(with \$15 for each additional child, total amount equally divided)	
Dependent mother or father.....	45
(or both).....	75 each
(As to the widow, child, or children, the total monthly amount payable shall not exceed \$100.)	

The Veterans Administration requires certain evidence in connection with claims for pension filed by dependents. To facilitate the settlement of such claims the service man should obtain or advise his dependents to secure and have in readiness necessary papers. If the widow is the claimant, then a certified copy of the public record of her marriage to the service man is necessary. If a child is included in the claim, then a certified copy of the public record of its birth is required. Should the claimant be the dependent mother or father of the veteran, then a certified copy of the public record of the birth of the veteran should be secured. As to widows and children, Veterans Administration Form 534 is to be used in filing a claim for death pension, while Veterans Administration Form 535 is to be used when a dependent parent wishes to file a similar claim.

BURIAL BENEFITS.—If death occurs while a veteran is receiving hospital or domiciliary care and treatment at the expense of the Veterans Administration, or while traveling under prior authorization at the expense of the Veterans Administration, either to or from a Veterans Administration facility or regional office for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care, the veteran is entitled to complete burial services at Government expense in a Veterans Administration cemetery or national cemetery, or the body may be shipped for interment to any place previously designated by the veteran, or requested by friends or relatives after death. If the Government contract undertaker furnishes the burial services, all expenses are paid by the Veterans Administration. If Government contract services are not desired, reimbursement for burial expenditures not exceeding \$100, plus certain costs of transportation, will be allowed. If an honorably discharged veteran of any war dies who is not being hospitalized or domiciled by the Veterans Administration, reimbursement for burial expenses not exceeding \$100 will be allowed, provided claim is filed within 2 years from the date of burial or cremation of the veteran and supported by the submission of the necessary supporting evidence within 1 year from the date of the request of the Veterans Administration therefor. Veterans Administration Adjudication Form 286 is appropriate for use in filing claim for this benefit.

UNITED STATES FLAG FOR BURIAL PURPOSES.—When an honorably discharged veteran of any war, or a person honorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard after serving at least one enlistment or for disability incurred in line of duty, dies after discharge, a flag to drape the casket shall be furnished in all cases; such flag to be given to the next of kin after burial of the veteran. Flags may be obtained at any Veterans Administration facility or regional office or at any designated post office.

GUARDIANSHIP.—The Veterans Administration maintains supervision, in cooperation with the State courts, over payments of any benefits made on account of income or income beneficiaries to insure proper application of such benefits. In the field offices having regional office activities the Chief Attorney has jurisdiction of such matters.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION STATIONS

Communications should be addressed: Manager,
Veterans Administration,
City and State.

*Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Alexandria, La.
Annapolis, Tex.
Annapolis, Md.
*Atlanta, Ga.

Augusta, Ga.
*Baltimore, N. Y.
Bath, N. Y.
*Bay Pines, Fla.
Bedford, Mass.

Bloom, Minn.
*Boise, Idaho
*Boston 6, Mass.
*Booker, Ohio
*Bronx 62, New York

Catskills, N. Y.	*Kansas City 4, Mo.	*Philadelphia 6, Pa.
Castle Point, N. Y.	Kearoughton, Va.	*Pittsburgh 15, Pa.
*Chayansa, Wyo.	Kearsville, Iowa	*Portland 7, Oreg.
Chillicothe, Ohio	Lake City, Fla.	*Providence 2, R. I.
Conestoga, Pa.	Lebanon, Tex.	*Reno, Nev.
*Columbia, S. C.	Lexington, Ky.	*Roanoke 15, Va.
Dallas 2, Tex.	*Lincoln 1, Neb.	Roseburg, Oreg.
Danville, Ill.	*Little Rock, Ark.	Rutherford Heights, Mass.
*Dayton, Ohio	Livermore, Calif.	*Salt Lake City 4, Utah.
*Dearborn, Mich.	*Los Angeles 25, Calif.	San Francisco, Calif.
*Denver 2, Colo.	*Lyons, N. J.	*San Francisco 25, Calif.
*Des Moines 20, Iowa	*Manchester, N. H.	*Seattle 4, Wash.
Downey, Ill.	Marion, Ill.	Shelburne, Wyo.
Dwight, Ill.	Marion, Ind.	*Short Falls, S. Dak.
Excelsior Springs, Mo.	Memphis 4, Tenn.	St. Cloud, Minn.
*Fargo, N. Dak.	Mendota, Wis.	Summit, N. Y.
Fayetteville, Ark.	*Minneapolis 8, Minn.	*Toga, Maine
*Fayetteville, N. C.	*Montgomery 14, Ala.	*Tucson, Ariz.
Fort Bayard, N. Mex.	Mountain Home, Tenn.	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Fort Custer, Mich.	*Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Tuskegee, Ala.
*Fort Harrison, Mont.	*Muskegon, Mich.	*Waco, Tex.
*Fort Howard, Md.	*Newington, Conn.	Watervorth, Kans.
Fort Lyon, Colo.	*New Orleans 12, La.	Walla Walla, Wash.
Gaffney, Miss.	Northampton, Mass.	Washington 1, D. C.
*Hills, Ill.	North Little Rock, Ark.	220 Wisconsin Ave.
Hot Springs, S. Dak.	Northport, L. I., N. Y.	Whipple, Ariz.
*Huntington 1, W. Va.	Olean, N. C.	*White River Junction, Vt.
*Indianapolis 45, Ind.	Outwood, Ky.	*Wichita 2, Kans.
*Jackson 10, Miss.	Palo Alto, Calif.	*Wood, Wis.
*Jefferson Barracks, Mo.	Perry Point, Md.	

*Stations having Regional Office Activities.

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