

Benefits for Survivors of Filipino Veterans

Survivors of Which Filipino Veterans Are Eligible for Benefits?

Survivors of Filipino veterans who had service in one of the following military forces may establish eligibility to VA benefits:

- Armed Forces of the United States.
- Commonwealth Army of the Philippines with service from July 26, 1941 through June 30, 1946 while the Commonwealth Army was in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- Regular Philippine Scouts who enlisted prior to October 6, 1945.
- Insular Force of the U.S. Navy.
- Special Philippine Scouts who enlisted between October 6, 1945 and June 30, 1947.
- Guerilla with service prior to July 1, 1946.

What Type of Benefits Are Available?

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension, Burial Allowance, and Burial Flag are four benefits available to survivors of certain Filipino veterans.

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is a monthly benefit payable to eligible surviving spouses, children, and parents if the veteran died in service or died due to a sickness or injury that incurred in service.

Death Pension is a benefit paid to eligible dependents, of deceased wartime veterans, who have limited income.

Burial Allowance is a partial reimbursement of an eligible veteran's burial and funeral costs. Eligibility to the burial allowance includes eligibility to the plot-internment allowance. Additional burial benefits available include internment in a national cemetery, a government provided headstone or marker, and a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Burial Flag is a U.S. flag that is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the U. S. Armed Forces. The flag is given to the next-of-kin after the service.

The following table details which benefits are available based on the type of service the veteran performed. Benefits are payable at a rate of \$.50 (half rate) or \$1.00 (full rate) for each dollar authorized. Unless otherwise noted, payment is made at the full rate.

Survivor Benefits				
Type of Service	DIC	Death Pension	Burial Allowance	Burial Flag
Armed Forces of the U.S.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regular Philippine Scouts and Insular Force of the U.S. Navy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Special Philippine Scouts	Yes <i>Full rate payments for U.S. residents; half rate payments for non-U.S. residents</i>	No	Yes	No
Commonwealth Army of the Philippines	Yes <i>Full rate payments for U.S. residents; half rate payments for non-U.S. residents</i>	No	Yes <i>Full rate payments for U.S. residents; half rate payments for non-U.S. residents</i>	Yes
Guerilla	Yes <i>Full rate payments for U.S. residents; half rate payments for non-U.S. residents</i>	No	Yes <i>Full rate payments for U.S. residents; half rate payments for non-U.S. residents</i>	Yes

Note: Surviving children are eligible for Dependents' Educational Assistance. Payments are made at the half rate. Surviving spouses are not eligible for this benefit.

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