

# VA Non Service Connected Pension

**Pension**

## Veterans NSC Pension Program

### What Is VA Pension?

Pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans with limited income, and who are permanently and totally disabled or age 65 or older.

**For Veterans (or Surviving Spouses of Veterans) who** served in the active military, naval or air service for a period of 90 days or for 24 months if enlisted after September 7, 1980, and severed at least one day during a period of war and were discharge under other than dishonorable conditions.

### And at least one of these applies:

- (1) you are age 65 or older;
- (2) are a patient in a nursing home;
- (3) in receipt of Social Security disability benefits' and/or
- (4) unemployable due to permanent and total disability **and** meet certain income and net worth limitations, you may be eligible for a monthly monetary benefit under VA's pension program.

**\*\*For Surviving Spouse Pension or children of deceased war-time Veteran;** Spouse must be un-remarried (any age) and children must be under 18, OR under age 23 if attending a VA-approved school, OR Permanently incapable of self-support due to a disability before age 18

### Income Limits:

FAMILY INCOME LIMITS (EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2012)		
<i>If you are a...</i>	<i>Your income must be less than... annual/monthly</i>	
<b>Veteran with no dependents</b>	<b>12,465</b>	<b>1039</b>
<b>Veteran with a spouse or a child</b>	<b>16,324</b>	<b>1361</b>
<b>(Veterans with additional children: add \$2129 to the limit for EACH child)</b>		
<b>Housebound veteran with no dependents</b>	<b>15,233</b>	<b>1270</b>
<b>Housebound veteran with one dependent</b>	<b>19,093</b>	<b>1591</b>
<b>Veteran who needs aid and attendance and has no dependents</b>	<b>20,795</b>	<b>1733</b>
<b>Veteran who needs aid and attendance and has one dependent</b>	<b>24652</b>	<b>2055</b>

**Note:** Some income is not counted toward the yearly limit (for example, welfare benefits, some wages earned by dependent children, and Supplemental Security Income.)

In general a household income is figured by subtracting any ongoing and regular medical expenses from the total gross income (social security, compensation, SSDI, SSI, retirement, etc.) of the household.

### Net Worth:

The net worth for the family must also be within the VA's specified allowance. In general, this amount is around the \$80,000 range (investments, savings, IRA's, collections, etc.). Sometimes the VA allows more, and sometimes less. 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.

## Veterans Pension Orientation Instructions

### **\*\*Pension Orientation ONLY for Housebound or Aid & Attendance Applicants**

If you are not medically housebound and or in need of nursing level type medical care and your income falls below the VA Income Threshold you may forego the pension seminar and schedule an appointment with a claims agent.

### **Pension Orientation attendees need to bring:**

Original or certified copy of all service discharges (DD214)  
(Need to know dates of service and type of discharge)

Income statements, including, but not limited to:  
(Need to know all income coming in)

- Social security
- Pension/retirement
- Annuities

Net worth statements, including but not limited to:  
(Does not include current residence, property residence is on, and car)

- Banks accounts
- IRA/stocks/bonds
- Properties other than your residence

Regularly Recurring medical expenses:  
(Including living facility if medically necessary and or in-home care receipts)

- Medical/dental insurance
- Assisted Care

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Not Needed for Orientation, but will be needed for claim:

Marital histories:

- Complete marital histories of claimant and spouse
  - Date/location of marriage/name//date/location of dissolution
- A marriage certificate is needed only for a current marriage
- Social security numbers of claimant and spouse

### **Pension Orientations:**

**Every Monday at the Butte Community Employment Center**

**2445 Carmichael Dr. Chico CA 95928**

**In the Willow Room. *Reservations Required.***

**1:00pm- Pension for Service Member**

**3:00pm- Pension for Surviving Spouse**