#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1, Part III, Subpart vi

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#### Transmittal Sheet

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| Changes Included in This Revision | The table below describes the changes included in this revision of Veterans Benefits Manual M21-1, Part III, “General Claims Process,” Subpart vi, “Special Authorization Issues”  ***Notes***:   * Minor editorial changes have been made to * update incorrect or obsolete references, and * bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| * To provide that regular Philippine Scouts are also known as “old” Philippine Scouts. * To provide that special Philippine Scouts are also known as “new” Philippine Scouts. * To clarify that qualifying service in the special or “new” Philippine scouts was not for enlistments after October 6, 1945 but rather for enlistmenets between October 6, 1945 and June 30, 1947, * To further specify that service in the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines qualified when under The United States Armed Forces of the Far East (USAFFE). | M21-1, Part III, Subpart vi, Chapter 4, Section A, Topic 1, Block a  (III.vi.4.A.1.a) |
| To revise the exhibit table on eligibility to VA benefits based on service in the Philippines   * to clarify the qualifying dates for the special or “new” scouts, and * to clarify that the first table row applies to either regular (“old”) scout service or service with the Insular Force of the U.S. Navy. | III.iv.4.A.2.a |

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