



2012 SURVIVORS BENEFITS SUMMARY

MORE THAN \$6.8 BILLION IN BENEFITS PAID

On behalf of a grateful nation, the Veterans Benefits Administration offers a variety of benefits and services to surviving spouses, children, and parents of deceased Servicemembers and Veterans.

To learn more about survivors benefits, go to:
www.benefits.va.gov

Survivors Pension

This monthly benefit is paid to surviving spouses who have not remarried and dependent children of wartime Veterans whose deaths were not due to service-connected disabilities. There are qualifying income limits, and the amount paid varies based on the amount of other income.

More than
60,000
*completed survivors
 pension claims
 in FY 2012*



More than
**\$1.3
 billion**
*in benefits paid to
 207,000 survivors*

Burial Benefits

VA will reimburse all or part of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. The amount paid to the family depends on whether the Veteran's death was service-connected.

More than
132,000
*completed burial
 claims
 in FY 2012*

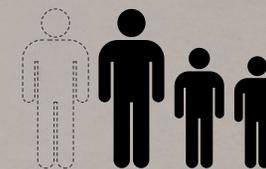


More than
**\$72
 million**
in benefits paid

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC is a monthly benefit paid to surviving spouses who have not remarried,* dependent children and parents of military Servicemembers who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty for training. This benefit is also payable to eligible survivors of Veterans whose deaths resulted from a service-connected disability, or nonservice-connected disability if the Veteran was rated as totally disabled for a prescribed period immediately preceding their death.

More than
47,000
*completed
 DIC claims
 in FY 2012*



More than
**\$5.5
 billion**
*in benefits paid to
 366,000 survivors*

The average annual payment in 2012 was **\$16,515**

*Note: A surviving spouse who remarries on or after Dec. 16, 2003, and at or after age 57, can receive DIC.