WHICH SURVIVORS OF 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, Survivors 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 of a military Servicemember who died in the line of duty or a Veteran whose death resulted from a service-connected injury or disease.

*Survivors Pension* is a needs-based benefit, which may be paid to surviving spouses and children of wartime Veterans.

*Burial Allowance* is a flat rate monetary benefits that are generally paid at the maximum amount authorized by law for an eligible Veteran’s burial and funeral costs. Eligible surviving spouses of record are paid automatically upon notification of the Veteran’s death, without the need to submit a claim. VA may grant additional benefits, including plot or interment allowance and transportation allowance, once VA receives a claim for these benefits.
**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, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral 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.

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*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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