



Veterans Affairs

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BENEFITS FOR FILIPINO VETERANS

Which Filipino Veterans Are Eligible for Benefits?

Filipino veterans with 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 Monetary Benefits Are Available?

Service-connected disability compensation, non service-connected pension, and a clothing allowance are the three benefits available to Filipino veterans.

Compensation is a monthly payment to a veteran disabled by an injury or a disease incurred or aggravated on active service. You must have been discharged under *other than dishonorable* conditions to be eligible, and must currently suffer from disabling symptoms to receive compensation.

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

Clothing allowance is an annual payment to a veteran, if he/she has a service-connected disability or condition that requires the veteran to wear or use a prosthetic or orthopedic device that wears out or tears clothing. The clothing allowance may also be paid if physician-prescribed medication for a service-connected skin condition causes irreparable damage to clothing.

The following table details which benefits are available based on the type of service 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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Veteran Benefits			
Type of Service	Compensation	Pension	Clothing Allowance
Armed Forces of the U.S.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Regular Philippine Scouts and Insular Force of the U.S. Navy	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
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 – Half Rate
Guerilla	Yes <i>Full rate payments for U.S. residents; half rate payments for non-U.S. residents</i>	No	Yes – Half Rate

What Type of Health Care Benefits Are Available?

VA provides hospital, nursing home, and outpatient medical care to certain Filipino veterans in the same manner such care is provided to U.S. veterans. Regular Philippine Scouts are eligible for health care benefits based on their status as U.S. veterans. Commonwealth Army, Special Philippine Scouts, and Guerilla veterans are eligible for health care benefits in the U.S. on the same basis as U.S. veterans if they reside in the U.S. and are citizens or are lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

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