



Veterans Affairs

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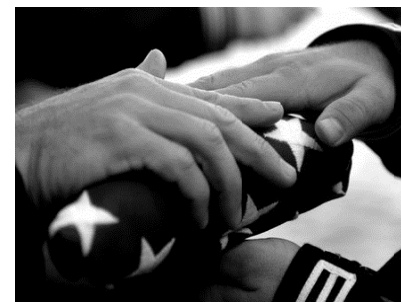
DEPENDENT INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC)

What is DIC?

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is a monthly check paid to eligible survivors of certain deceased veterans.

Who is Eligible?

To get DIC, you must be an eligible survivor of a veteran who died because of a service-related illness or injury. If the veteran's death was **NOT** service-related, you may still be eligible if *EITHER* of the following conditions existed at the time of death:



- The veteran was getting VA Disability Compensation for a total disability for the last 10 years. *(Note: This also includes veterans who would have received VA compensation but didn't because they were getting military retirement or disability pay.)*
- The veteran was getting VA Disability Compensation for a total disability continuously since released from active duty and for at least 5 years.

You may be an eligible survivor if:

- You were married to the veteran for at least 1 year *(Note: If a child was born, there is no time requirement)*, **AND**
- your marriage was valid, **AND**
- you lived with the veteran continuously until his/her death or, if you were separated, you were not at fault, **AND**
- you did not remarry. *(Note: If you remarried but your spouse died or you started legal proceedings before November 1, 1990 that led to divorce, you may be eligible.)*

OR

- You are an unmarried child of a deceased veteran, **AND**
- you are under age 18, or between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school.

Note: Certain helpless adult children and some parents of deceased veterans are entitled to DIC.

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