

Death Pension

Death Pension is a benefit paid to eligible dependents of deceased wartime veterans. You may be eligible if:

- the deceased veteran was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, *and*
- he or she served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war¹, *and*
- you are the surviving spouse or unmarried child of the deceased veteran, *and*
- your countable income is below a yearly income limit set by law.

¹Anyone enlisting after September 7, 1980, generally must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which called or ordered to active duty.

VA pays the difference between your countable income and the yearly income limit. This difference is generally paid in 12 equal monthly payments. Certain un-reimbursed medical expenses, education expenses, or expenses related to the last illness or burial of the veteran or a dependent paid by you are taken into consideration when arriving at your countable income.

[Current Rates for VA Death Pension](#)

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If you are a Clinton or Ingham County veteran or dependent and would like more information on Death Pension benefits please call (517) 887-4331.