

## **SURVIVOR'S PENSION**

**This is a VA program that offers monthly payments to qualified surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children of wartime Veterans who meet certain income and net worth limits set by Congress.**

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVOR PENSION**

**You may be eligible for this benefit if you haven't remarried after the Veteran's death, and if the deceased Veteran didn't receive a dishonorable discharge and their service meets at least one of these requirements.**

**At least one of these must be true:**

- **The Veteran entered active duty on or before September 7, 1980, and served at least 90 days on active military service, with at least 1 day during a covered wartime period, **or****
- **The Veteran entered active duty after September 7, 1980, and served at least 24 months or the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty (with some exceptions), with at least 1 day during a covered wartime period **or****
- **The Veteran was an officer and started on active duty after October 16, 1981, and hadn't previously served on active duty for at least 24 months.**

**And this must be true for you:**

**Your yearly family income and net worth meet certain limits set by Congress. Your net worth equals the value of everything you own (except your house, your car, and most home furnishings), minus any debt you owe.**

## **WHAT WARTIME PERIODS ARE RECOGNIZED:**

**Under current law, we recognize these wartime periods to decide eligibility for pension benefits:**

- **Mexican Border period (May 9, 1916, to April 5, 1917, for Veterans who served in Mexico, on its borders, or in adjacent waters)**
- **World War I (April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918)**
- **World War II (December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946)**
- **Korean conflict (June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955)**
- **Vietnam War era (November 1, 1955, to May 7, 1975, for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period. August 5, 1964, to May 7, 1975, for Veterans who served outside of the Republic of Vietnam.)**
- **Gulf War (August 2, 1990, through a future date to be set by law or presidential proclamation)**

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