

Information Needed For Non-Service Connected or Death Pension Claims:

- DD-214 (Sometimes called: Report of Separation, Military Record of Service, or Enlistment Record)
- Widow(er): Should submit veteran's death certificate instead of a doctor's statement
- Copy of Marriage License (if married)
- Divorce papers or death certificate for all prior marriages of either the veteran or spouse/widow(er)
- Social Security number for **each household family member**
- Income data for **each household family member** (separated if possible) (previous calendar year)
- Social Security award letter (or exact amount of check/payment)
- Interest statements or account books from banks, credit union, etc. (previous calendar year)
- Amount of company or union pension benefits before any deductions (previous calendar year)
- Unemployment benefits (including dates for first and last checks) previous calendar year
- Sick pay or disability pay including Workman's Compensation (also provide dates for first and last checks) previous calendar year
- Life insurance proceeds (if applicable)
- Earnings from employment (previous calendar year)
- Net income from business operation or rental income (may be asked to show expenses and gross income information) for previous calendar year
- Amount of SSI benefits awarded (previous calendar year)
- FIA (Department of Social Services) assistance (includes ADC and General Assistance) for previous calendar year
- Any other income source (e.g., Land Contract, Savings Bonds, Stocks, Money Certificates, IRAs, 401-Ks, Royalties, trusts, etc.) for previous calendar year
- Current value of savings and/or checking accounts, real estate (excluding home), or non-essential personal property
- A personal check or the account number and routing number of either checking or savings account (for direct deposit)
- Out of pocket medical expenses for previous calendar year for **veteran and/or spouse** (health insurance premiums, Medicare premiums, supplemental health insurance premiums, doctor copay, dental copay, eyeglasses, nursing home expenses, prescriptions, home health care, medical equipment)
- If in a nursing home, has the VA Form 21-0779 been completed?
- If you require the Aid and Attendance to perform life's daily necessities, has the VA Form 21-2680 been completed by your doctor?

NOTE: All documents (especially DD-214) should be either originals or certified copies, if possible. A claim may be filed without all of the required documents; however, all of the above information relevant to the claim will be needed before a decision can be made on your claim. Claims received without full information may take longer to process or be denied until the information is received. Claims based on non-service-connected disability or death generally require active duty during a recognized wartime period.