



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Benefits Administration

Benefits for Filipino Veterans

Which Filipino Veterans are Eligible for Benefits?

Filipino Veterans may be eligible for benefits if they served in one of the following:

- Armed Forces of the United States
- Commonwealth Army of the Philippines with service from July 26, 1941 through June 30, 1946
- Regular Philippine Scouts who enlisted prior to Oct. 6, 1945
- Insular Force of the U.S. Navy
- Special Philippine Scouts who enlisted between Oct. 6, 1945 and June 30, 1947
- Guerilla with service prior to July 1, 1946

What Types of Monetary Benefits are Available?

Three benefits are available to Filipino Veterans:

- Service-connected disability compensation is a monthly payment to Veterans disabled by injury or disease occurring or worsening during active service. To be eligible, you must:
 - Have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions
 - Currently suffer from disabling symptoms
- Nonservice-connected pension is paid to wartime Veterans who:
 - Have limited income
 - Are permanently and totally disabled or
 - Are 65 years or older
- Clothing allowance is an annual payment to a Veteran whose service-connected disability requires a prosthetic or orthopedic device that damages clothing.

The following table provides more details. Unless otherwise noted, payment is made at the full rate.

Veterans 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 Philippines Scouts	Yes Full-rate payments for U.S. residents; half-rate payments for non-U.S. residents	No	Yes (half-rate)
Commonwealth Army of the Philippines	Yes Full-rate payments for U.S. residents; half-rate payments for non-U.S. residents	No	Yes (half-rate)
Guerilla	Yes Full-rate payments for U.S. residents; half-rate payments for non-U.S. residents	No	Yes (half-rate)

What Types of Health Care Benefits are Available?

VA provides hospital, nursing home and outpatient medical care to certain Filipino Veterans. Regular Philippine Scouts are eligible for health care benefits based on their status as U.S. Veterans.

The following groups are eligible for health care benefits in the U.S. on the same basis as U.S. Veterans if they are U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted for permanent address:

- Commonwealth Army
- Special Philippine Scouts
- Guerilla Veterans