

**Trinity County Veteran Service Office**

**Pension (Nonservice-Connected) Fact Sheet**

Pension is a benefit paid to Veterans who served on active duty during a prescribed period of war, who meet certain age or disability requirements, and who have limited income and net worth.

**Eligibility**

You may be eligible if:

* You served on active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war. Veterans who started on active duty prior to September 8, 1980, must have also served at least 90 days on active duty. Veterans who started on active duty after September 7, 1980, must have served at least 24 months on active duty (or the full period for which they were ordered to active duty).
* You were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable
* Your income and net worth fall below certain limits. Contact your Veteran Services Office for more information on exclusions and deductions.
* You are at least 65 years old **or** have a permanent and total disability **or** are a patient in a nursing home for long-term care because of a disability **or** are getting Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income

**Pension Rates**

Veterans granted a Pension are paid based on their income and the type and number of dependents. See the US Department of Veterans Affairs website for more information.

<https://www.va.gov/pension/veterans-pension-rates/>

**Wartime Periods**

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| World War II | December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946 |
| Korean Conflict | June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955 |
| Vietnam Era | August 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975  February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975 for Veterans who served “in country” before August 5, 1964 |
| Gulf War | August 2, 1990, through date to be determined |

**How to apply**

Contact your Veteran Services Office for help with a Pension claim. The claims process is long and difficult to navigate, with many rules, exclusions and exceptions. The Trinity County Veteran Services Office is dedicated to helping Veterans submit complete, fully developed claims while attempting to obtain a Pension and any connected benefits. Bring the following documents to your appointment:

* Discharge or separation papers (DD214, DD215, etc.)
* Dependency records (marriage license, divorce decree, children’s birth certificates)
* Medical evidence of disabilities (medical records, doctor/hospital reports)
* Income and financial records (contact the Veteran Services Office for more information on the types of records needed)

If you do not have all of these documents, the Veteran Services Office may be able to help you obtain them.

**Related Benefits**

Those granted a Pension may be eligible for additional federal and state benefits. Contact your Veteran Service Office for more information.

* Medical Care
* Survivors Pension
* Aid and Attendance Benefits
* Housebound Allowance
* Military Exchange Privileges