Pensions can be awarded to wartime veterans* with limited income. The veteran (live pension) must be permanently and totally disabled or at least 65 years of age. Unmarried widows of wartime veterans do not need to be disabled or over 65 years of age (death pension) but must have limited income.

Aid & Attendance can be approved, paying a greater amount for pensions due to higher medical expenses paid, typically in a nursing home situation but can include home health care.

* ***Wartime veterans*** *served 90 days and at least one day of these time periods:*

- ***WWII*** *- 12/7/41 to 12/31/46*
- ***Korea*** *- 6/27/50 to 1/31/55*
- ***Vietnam*** *- 8/5/64 to 5/7/75*
- ***Gulf War Era*** *- 8/2/90 - present*

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment services are available to veterans with service-connected disabilities. Services include job search, vocational evaluation, career exploration, vocational training, education training, and rehabilitation service.

Other Assistance

The CVSO can assist in filing for a replacement proof of service (DD-214), discharge upgrades within 15 years of discharge, correction of military records within three years of discovery of error, replacement medals and awards, as well as referral to other agencies and programs.

Resources

Community Resource & Referral Center
Bill Daniels Service Center/VA CRRC
1247 Santa Fe. Dr., Denver, CO 80204
720-501-3367

Denver VA Housing Programs
HUD-VASH
Are you homeless or soon to be?
(303) 399-8020 ext. 2056

Denver Vet Center – Readjustment Counseling Services
7465 E. 1st Ave, Ste B, Denver 80230
(303) 326-0645

Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office (VARO)
155 Van Gordon, Lakewood, CO 80228
(800) 827-1000

Jefferson County Business & Workforce Center
3500 Illinois St. Golden, CO 80401
(303) 271-4700

Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center
1700 North Wheeling Street, Denver, CO 80045 (303) 399-8020

VA Suicide Prevention Helpline
Dial 988 then Press 1 or Text 838255

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Our Mission

Jefferson County Veterans Service Office will assist veterans of military service in applying for benefits that they or their dependents may be eligible to receive.

Message from the Jefferson County Veterans Service Office

The Jefferson County Veterans Service Office exists to assist residents of Jefferson County who served in the United States Military file claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) also referred to as the VA.

The County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) also assists a surviving spouse or other individual with any entitled benefit based on the veteran's service.

The CVSO may refer claimants to programs that provide emergency relief to include:

- Bus tokens
- Food vouchers
- Housing Assistance
- Tools
- And more

Assistance depends on availability of funds and requires proof of service.

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Veterans Benefits

The CVSO assists with VA benefits and services in these major categories:

- **Burial**
- **Compensation**
- **Dependent & Survivors Benefits**
- **Education & Training**
- **Health Care**
- **Home Loan Guarantee**
- **Life Insurance**
- **Pension**
- **Vocational Rehab & Employment**

Burial benefits include Headstones and Markers, Presidential Memorial Certificates, Burial Flags, and Burial in a VA national Cemetery. VA may pay a burial allowance of $2,000 for veterans who die of service-related causes. For veterans who were in receipt of a VA benefit, VA can pay $780 for burial and funeral expenses and $780 for a burial plot.

Compensation (monthly payment) can be awarded for at least 10% disability as a result of disabilities from military service including: injuries, wounds, combat related injuries, psychological injuries, and disease.

Dependents & Survivors are assisted with claims such as Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC), Death Pension, Dependent/Survivor Education and Training, Home Loans, and other benefits. Monthly compensation is paid to certain survivors when the service member dies on active duty, dies from service-related disability, or dies while being paid 100% VA disability compensation at time of death. Death Pension is available to eligible survivors if the veteran served during wartime. Certain surviving spouses are eligible for home loans.

Education & Training benefits are available to eligible veterans, reservists, and active duty service members. Veterans usually have 10 years from date of discharge to complete education and training benefits.

Health Care includes hospital, medical, dental, pharmacy, prosthetic services, domiciliary, nursing home & community-based residential care, sexual trauma counseling, specialized health care for women veterans, health & rehabilitation programs for homeless veterans, readjustment counseling, alcohol & drug dependency treatment, evaluations for disorders associated with military service in the Gulf War, exposure to Agent Orange, and other environmental hazards. **Combat Veterans**, at discharge, are entitled to two years of free medical care.

Home Loan Guarantees are available to eligible veterans from private lenders and may include new home purchases, manufactured homes, lots for manufactured homes, certain types of condominiums, building a home, and/or repairing and improving homes. VA mortgages can be refinanced and offers grants for disabled veterans and servicemembers to adapt, or modify a home to accommodate a disability

Eligibility: Since 9/7/80, you must have 24 months of continuous active duty (or at least 181 days if called to active duty). For reserves and Guard members you must have served for 6 acceptable years.

Life Insurance is available to eligible individuals. Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is low-cost term life insurance and is available for servicemembers and reservists. Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) is renewable term life insurance for veterans who want to convert their SGLI within one year from separation of service.