

Filipino World WAR II Veterans Benefits

Filipino veterans with service in one of the following military forces may establish eligibility to VA benefits:

- **Commonwealth Army of the Philippines with service from July 26, 1941 through June 30, 1946 while the Commonwealth Army was in the Armed Forces of the United States.**
- **Special Philippine Scouts who enlisted between October 6, 1945 and June 30, 1947.**
- **Guerilla with service prior to July 1, 1946.**

What Type of Monetary Benefits Are Available?

Service-connected disability compensation, and a clothing allowance are benefits available to Filipino veterans.

Compensation is a monthly payment to a veteran disabled by an injury or a disease incurred or aggravated on active service. You must have been discharged under *other than dishonorable* conditions to be eligible, and must currently suffer from disabling symptoms to receive compensation.

Clothing allowance is an annual payment to a veteran, if he/she has a service-connected disability or condition that requires the veteran to wear or use a prosthetic or orthopedic device that wears out or tears clothing. The clothing allowance may also be paid if physician-prescribed medication for a service-connected skin condition causes irreparable damage to clothing.

The following table details which benefits are available based on the type of service performed. Benefits are payable at a rate of \$.50 (half rate) or \$1.00 (full rate) for each dollar authorized. Unless otherwise noted, payment is made at the full rate.

Filipino World War II Veterans Equity Compensation

The President of the United States signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on February 17, 2009, authorizing the release of a one-time, lump-sum payment to eligible World War II (WWII) Philippine veterans. These payments are being made by VA from a \$198 million appropriation established for this purpose. Application period for this benefit ended on February 16, 2010. The following veterans are eligible for payment:

- **Commonwealth Army of the Philippines veterans with service from July 26, 1941 through June 30, 1946 while the Commonwealth Army was in the Armed Forces of the United States.**

- **Special Philippine Scouts who enlisted between October 6, 1945 and June 30, 1947.**
- **Recognized Guerillas with service prior to July 1, 1946.**

To be eligible for the new benefit, service members in each of the three categories above must have been discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

- Eligible veterans who are not United States citizens will receive a one-time payment of \$9,000.
- Eligible veterans who are United States citizens will receive a one-time payment of \$15,000.

[Frequently Asked Questions about the WWII Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund \(English Version / Tagalog Version\)](#)

