

**COPIES OF ITEMS REQUIRED
WITH COMPLETED PENSION
BENEFITS APPLICATION**

- VA Form 21-22 (If advocate representation is requested by the Veteran/Spouse)
- VA Form 21-526 (If the veteran is applying for benefits)
- VA Form 21-534 (If surviving spouse or child applies for benefits)
- DD Form 214 (Veteran's discharge documentation)
- Veterans death certificate (If application is completed by surviving spouse)
- Doctor's Letter (Supplied in this package: Fill in the blanks)
- Cost letter from facility (If the veteran/surviving spouse resides in a care facility. Sample letter provided in this package.)
- Cost letter with information about date of service start and contract cost data (If the veteran/surviving spouse receives care at home.)

Additional Information

Discharge Paperwork

Copies of a veteran's discharge paperwork can be located by contacting the following:

Office of the NH Adjutant General – 603-225-1380 (only if home of record was NH when entered service).

The National Archives – Complete a SF 180 and mail it to the appropriate address located on the form or request a copy of the discharge paperwork online from <http://www.archives.gov>

Phone Numbers and Websites of Interest

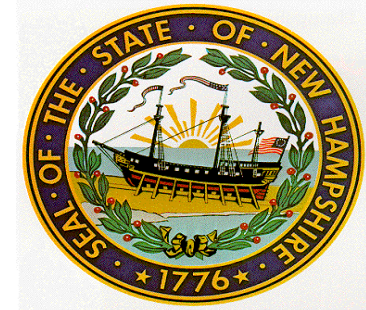
NH State Veterans Council
603-624-9230 or 800-622-9230 (NH only)
www.nh.gov/nhveterans

US Department of Veterans Affairs
800-827-1000
www.va.gov

NH Veterans Home
603-527-4400
www.nh.gov/veterans

NH Veterans Cemetery
603-796-2026
www.nhsvc.com

VA Medical Center
603-624-4366 or 800-892-8384
www.va.gov



**NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE VETERANS
COUNCIL**

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Mission

Our mission is to assist New Hampshire veterans and/or their dependents in securing their federal or state veterans benefits or entitlements under the law. Generally, this means helping veterans or their family members in filing claims for compensation or pension benefits with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), yet we also provide information and assistance in a wide variety of ways.

Role of the Veterans Service Officer

As employees of the state of New Hampshire, VSO's represent the veteran or his/her dependents throughout the VA claim process. This service is provided free of charge to the veteran or dependents. VSO's provide information, direction and assistance concerning a variety of topics, including: available state benefits, disability compensation and pension, survivors benefits, burial benefits, education benefits, the NH State Veterans Cemetery and the NH Veterans Home.

About the Pension

The VA offers a pension benefit entitled the "Non-Service-Connected Improved Pension" or more commonly known as the WARTIME VETERAN'S PENSION or for surviving spouses the VETERAN'S DEATH PENSION.

This benefit for WARTIME veterans and their families has become a very important benefit to those who require long-term care; which can be very expensive. The New Hampshire State Veterans Council would like to help you to apply for this benefit earned through the veterans WARTIME service.

This pension benefit is available in three rates; a basic rate based solely on means; a housebound rate, and the aid and attendance rate to help defer long term care costs.

Wartime and Service Dates

Generally a veteran must have served 90 days or more of service, of which at least 1 day must have occurred during a period of war. The veteran must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable

World War II: December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946.

Korean War: June 27, 1950, through January 31, 1955.

Vietnam War: August 5, 1964 (February 28, 1961, for veterans who served "in country" before August 5, 1964) through May 7, 1975.

Gulf War: August 2, 1990, through a date set by law or Presidential Proclamation