



**Collier County**

Public Services Division  
Housing & Human Services



Housing,  
Human and  
Veteran Services



of Collier County

***VA Pension Benefit***

*“Serving Those Who Served”*

# Veteran Services

- Introduction Video:
  - **NBC Nightly News on VA Benefit- Aid and Attendance Pension**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgvO986sa7c>

# Veteran Services Staff:

- Rick Torres, Veteran Service Manager
- Eddie Hartnack, Veteran Service Officer
- Anne Cardenas, Customer Service

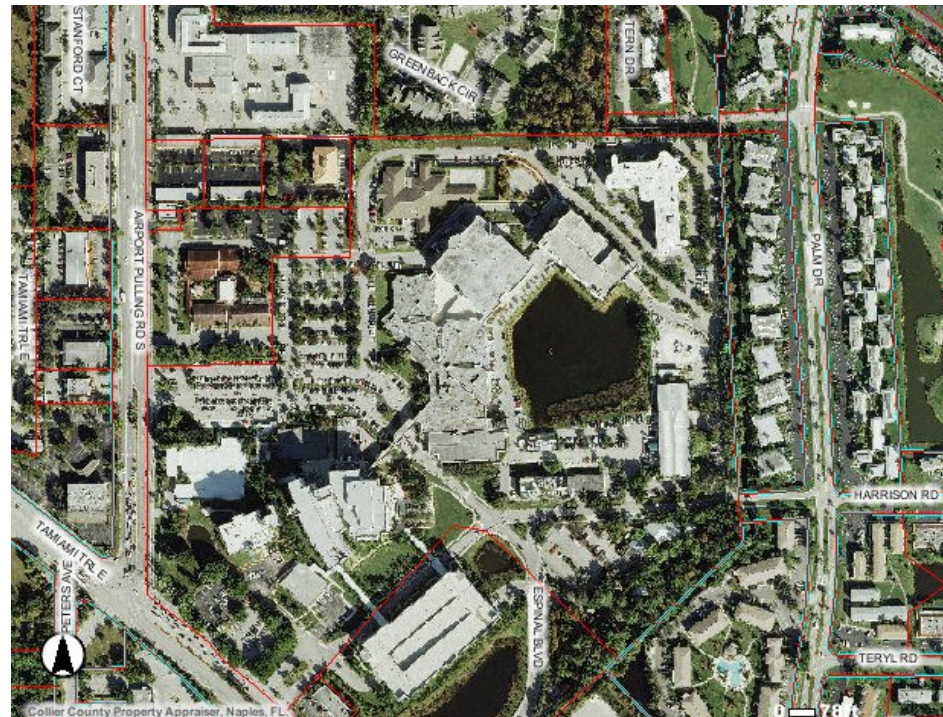
# Veteran Services Location:

3339 E. Tamiami Trail Suite 212  
Naples, FL 34112

For Appointments Call:  
252-VETS (8387)

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We are in Bldg H. of Main Government Center



# Pension Benefits

- Non-Service Connected Pension
  - For the Veteran
- Death Pension
  - For Surviving Spouse and Children

# What is a VA Pension?

Pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans with limited income, and who are permanently and totally disabled *or* age 65 or older.

# Who is Eligible?

- You may be eligible if:
- you were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, **AND**
- you served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time\*, **AND**
- your countable family income is below a yearly limit set by law, **AND**
- you are permanently and totally disabled, **OR**
- you are age 65 or older.



# Family Income Limits:

*Your yearly income must be less than...*

- **Veteran with no dependents** **\$12,256**
- **Veteran with a spouse or a child** **\$16,051**
- **Housebound veteran with no dependents** **\$14,978**
- **Housebound veteran with one dependent** **\$18,773**
- **Veteran who needs aid and attendance and has no dependents** **\$20,447**
- **Veteran who needs aid and attendance and has one dependent** **\$24,239**

# How Much Does VA Pay?

VA pays you the difference between your countable family income and the yearly income limit that describes your situation (see chart on previous slide).

This difference is generally paid in 12 equal monthly payments rounded down to the nearest dollar.

## Countable Family Income & Net-worth:

Certain expenses (i.e., medical expenses, education expenses, or expenses related to the last illness or burial of a dependent) paid by you are taken into consideration when arriving at your countable family income.

Net-Worth: must be under \$80k

# What is Death Pension?

Death pension is a benefit paid to eligible dependents of deceased wartime veterans.

# Who is Eligible?

You may be eligible if:

- the deceased veteran was discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, **AND**
- he or she served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war\*, **AND**
- you are the surviving spouse or unmarried child of the deceased veteran, **AND**
- your countable income is below a yearly income limit set by law.

# Income Limits:

*Surviving Spouse yearly income must be less than...*

- **Surviving spouse with no dependent children**      **\$ 8,219**
- **Surviving spouse with one dependent child**      **\$ 10,759**
- **Housebound with no dependents**      **\$10,046**
- **Housebound with one dependent**      **\$12,582**
- **Needs aid and attendance with no dependents**      **\$13,138**
- **Needs aid and attendance with one dependent**      **\$15,673**

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**Opportunity for Questions**

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