

**Overview of Filipino Veterans' Benefits**  
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**Table 1 . Filipino Veterans and Survivors, Eligibility for VA Benefits**

Veterans' Benefit	Regular or "Old" Philippine Scouts		Commonwealth Army of the Philippines		Recognized Guerrilla Forces		New Philippine Scouts	
	Living in the U.S. <sup>a</sup>	Living Outside the U.S.	Living in the U.S. <sup>a</sup>	Living Outside the U.S.	Living in the U.S. <sup>a</sup>	Living Outside the U.S.	Living in the U.S. <sup>a</sup>	Living Outside the U.S.
1 Compensation for service-connected disability	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>
2 Dependency and Indemnity Compensation / DIC (survivors)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>
3 Medical care	Yes	No <sup>c</sup>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
4 Education	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
5 Education benefits for children	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>
6 Pension for nonservice-connected	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
7 Death pension (survivors)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
8 Burial allowance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>
9 Burial flag	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10 Burial in a national cemetery	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
11 Clothing allowance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>	Yes	Yes <sup>b</sup>
12 Guaranteed housing loans	Yes	No <sup>e</sup>	No	No	No	No	No	No
13 Small business	Yes	No <sup>e</sup>	No	No	No	No	No	No
14 Veterans Employment Training Service	Yes	Yes <sup>g</sup>	No	No	No	No	No	No
15 Adaptive housing grants	Yes	No <sup>e</sup>	No	No	No	No	No	No
16 Adaptive vehicle grants	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No

**Source:** Table prepared by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) based the on information provided by Department of Veterans Affairs.

- a Living in the United States as a U.S. citizen or legal resident.
- b Benefit is paid at the rate of 50 cents per \$1.
- c Regular or "Old" Philippine Scouts residing in the Philippines are only eligible for hospital care for treatment of service-connected conditions. In addition, they are authorized to receive outpatient care in facilities other than the Manila VA Outpatient Clinic for service-connected conditions only. Finally, if they are service-connected, they are eligible to receive care for service-connected and nonservice-connected conditions at the Manila VA Outpatient Clinic based on resources available at the clinic.
- d The time period for using education benefits has expired.
- e Certain benefits are not available to any U.S. veteran living overseas.
- f This program did not exist in 1946.
- g Must be enrolled in a degree granting college or university.